THE *Unlearned Alchymist* HIS ANTIDOTE.

OR,

A more full and ample Explanation of the use, Vertue and benefit of my PILL,

Entituled,

An effectual { *Diaphoretick,* / *Diuretick,* } *purgeth by* { *Sweating* / *Urin.* }

Whereunto is added

Sundry Cures and Experiences, with particular direction unto particular diseases and Distempers; with a Catalogue of peoples Names, with their dwellings which have used and known the use of the same: Also sundry plain and easie Receits which the ingenious may prepare for their own health.

By *Richard Mathew*, and are to be had at his house by the Lyons Den at the Tower, next Gate to the By-Ward.

London Printed, for *Joseph Leigh*, at the upper end of Bazing-hall street, near the Naggs-head Tavern, and are to be sold together with this Pill, by *Giles Calvert* at the Black-spread Eagle at the West end of *Pauls*, And *Livewell Chapman* at the Crown in Popes-head-alley, 1660.

To all that are ſick, under Pains, Aches, Gripings, divers diſeaſes, Surfeitings, Obſtructions, Conſumptions, of what kind ſoever and whoſoever, but more eſpecially unto all ſuch of them that fear the Lord in truth and uprightneſs, and of theſe eſpecially ſuch as are poor and have no money, *Ric. Mathew*, your brother and companion in the Kingdom and patience of Jeſus Chriſt, humbly Dedicates this his little book, together with his work and labor, with what is his devoted to your ſervice.

IT is meet of good right that this my Book ſhould be Dedicated unto you, who daily finds the power and vertue of my Pill whereof I have ſpoken; let all the world ſet themſelves againſt it or they pleaſe, I know your experience will vindicate it, and verily if my Pill have not deſerved it from your

hands, I will ſpeak not a word for it, but what ever in this book hath paſt me, let it for ever ſtand for nothing, and I do atteſt not onely to you all, but all the world, that if I be deceived concerning the true worth and power of my Pills, verily it is you that hath deceived me, my conſcience bearing me witneſs I have not added unto theſe reports which you have brought me, but have with much ſobriety left out much which would have heightned the power & worth of my Pill, but I am aſſured from my own knowledge and daily ſight and hearing, that things of like nature are done by it daily, bleſſed be God, and therefore I know there is no deceit in the matter: Receive then I pray you this little book into your protection, and ſpeak as you have found, and ſpeak that which is true, I deſire no more, I know that is ſufficient,

for the trueth is ſtrong, and no force can keep him in bonds whom truth acquits; it were better I were not then it were not my portion.

It is neither power nor greatneſs, nor humane Art, nor Learning that I fly unto for Patronage, only the clear and unbyaſed witneſs of truth, which can be in no other mouths then ſuch of you, the authors of all thoſe ſeveral reports, cures, and wonders I have ſet down in this book, moſt of which my own eys were ſpectators, & conſequently witneſſes of their verity and truth, neither am I unfurniſhed of as many more which here is not ſet down, but theſe have ſpent much paper for me to write, and much of your patience to read, and he that will not believe at the ſound of this Trumpet, but ſhuts his ears, reſolved not to hear, this man will not hear if I had ſet down five times as many.

But unto the two ſecond ſort unto whom I tender this dedication, viz. the faithful that are yet on earth, but their treaſure in heaven, and their hearts where their treaſure is; that at the preſent if need be are in heavineſs thorow many fold temptations, ſickneſſes, pains, aches, and weakneſſes of body I do in a more eſpecial manner dedicate my book, ſelf-work and labor of love unto you, who is your brother and companion, and with you have born the chaſtening of the Lord, I know your happineſs and feel it and am made and infranchized a Citizen and fellow ſervant with you, and have labored thorow Chriſt and have not fainted, and now knowing your happineſs do ranke my ſelf with you as being made partaker of like pretious faith, and indeed deſire above all other to be made manifeſt and

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known unto you; I know although I am a ſtranger unto you as to this body and this world, yet I have ſpiritual feeling and feaſting with you, in and from that abundance of endleſs joys freely beſtowed in the blood of Chriſt, and truely our fellowſhip is with the Father and with that Son of his love, whoſe blood cleanſeth us from all our iniquities, and bleſſed be God who hath helped me thorow all kind of ſnares and temptations, to the end I might by experience know his ſalvation, his power and goodneſs; and this is my triumphing joy, that my father is pleaſed to let me live to comfort and help many, and thanks be given unto him, there is but few days paſs me without the happy tidings of ſaving the life of one poor creature or other, I ſpeak as a man, and in this judge by mans reaſon. And now my beloved brethren as I have

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freely received ſo I freely give, you above all other I thirſt to ſerve both in body and ſpirit, my maſter hath returned upon my head the fruit of my labor, which indeed hath been much and long, and wherefore have I been always beaten down by ſickneſs and weakneſs of body, but that I might be improved (as I have been improved) for your ſervice and advantages, of which indeed you may make a bold challenge, and require the ſame as your juſt right and propriety.

But unto the third ſort now I ſpeak, viz. *you which fear the Lord in truth of heart, and are under his fatherly chaſtening of pains, ſickneſſes, and bodily preſſures, and are poor as to the things of this world; and wherefore is it but that in being here you might not be to your ſelves as men or to this world as this world, you are not poor, but*

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you are rich, riches that faideth not away, made rich thorow him that became poor that he might make many rich; my brethren be without carefulneſs or fear, becauſe tis your fathers pleaſure to give you a Kingdom, a Kingdom that remains to eternity, eternally in the heavens, you will poſſeſs it at that his appearing when you ſhall appear with him in heaven, glory that cannot be ſhaken; and if your earthly tabernacle periſh daily, is it not the Miniſter of joy, foraſmuch as it tends to no other end but to haſt you to reſt; now is the time of your labor, labor in fruit-bearing, herein is your Father glorified (that in and againſt the ſtrongeſt wreſtlings of this world and of your own corruptions, and Satanical tentations and deluſion) that you bring forth much fruit, to the end his fruit may remain in you,

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and his power reſt upon you; you know in all your griefs and ailes, he is Joy, Peace, Reſt, get then to reſt, ceaſe from man, for wherein is he to be truſted, your ſelf and all ſelfneſs, your own works as God did from his, enter the bleſſed reſt, holy Sabbath thorow Chriſts attonement, thorow whom and in whom we are compleat and perfect, for ſhame be ſilent, the Lord comes into his holy temple, your bodies are the temple of the living God, his houſe and habitation you are, he daigns to ſupp and dine with you, and is with you and in you, ſtand faſt then in that liberty wherewith he hath made you free; take heed of harkening to fleſh and blood, be not intangled with the yoak of bondage to fear again, if you touch your burden with your arm, you muſt needs faint, but if you throw it on him he will ſuſtain you; he bore our

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sicknesses, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed, be like him who opened not his mouth, although the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all; sicknesses & poverty is not the greatest of evils, nay they in their depth with devine love and presence are joyous & glorious; I never found greater joy and peace, and consolation then when I was in the greatest pain and bitterness, when as to this world there was little hope of life, then was their life in beauty and strength, you of all other are most blessed and happy, because the eternal crown and weight of righteousness and glory is prepared for you.

What shall I say unto you my dearly beloved brethren with whom life and glory dwelleth. O my heart is pained for you, yea my soul and spirit within me is set on fire with love, care, desire, indeavor

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how I might be moſt manifeſted unto you, to bear all your diſtreſſes if it were poſſible for me, but alas it is a ſmall thing I am able to do, but I will tell you Jeſus Chriſt will make his croſs and yoak eaſie and light unto you, go to him he is the fountain, all fulneſs is in him, and he freely diſtributes without upbraiding, yea he is perfectly able to ſave all that come to God by him; and as for me his poor ſervant, I beſeech you pray that I may be found faithful in my Stewardſhip, improving his manifold gifts unto his ends, and therefore in his name and fear, and in diſcharge of my duty unto him, and out of faithful and true ſimpathy and fellow-feeling with you; I do therefore in his name and fear invite all that is poor, having no mony and fears the Lord in truth of heart, and is ſick, and in pains and Aches of

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bodie that they would come and receive at my hand this Pill, or what elſe the Lord hath given me for their health freely for Chriſt ſake without mony or reward, prove I pray you and aſſay whether I be the man or no that I here would be taken to be, yea come once and again as your diſtreſs requires, onely as I am a man hide not your ſelf and condition from me, and I hope ſtill in him in whom I have always hoped I ſhall not be left without either a heart or wherewith to refreſh them, that in the name and fear of God come unto me, intreating you to joyn with it your faith and prayer for a bleſſing, looking on it as means of Gods ordaining for your help and comfort, then do I not fear a good and bleſſed ſucceſs in the uſe of the means which the Lord hath put in my hands for your eaſe, healing, and benefit.

Certain choice Receits contained in this Book.

The true preparation of the Oyl of Amber three ſeveral ways.

The Oyl and Ballſom of the Pine-tree, commonly called Tar.

An unvaluable purge univerſal of Antimony and Scammony of Cream or Chriſtals of Tartar, with their Correction preparation, doſſe and uſe.

The true preparation of Crocus Martis.

The preparation of Sugar of Saturn.

The true preparation of the Eſſence of Venus *or* Ens Veneris.

The true preparation of the Salt of Mars.

The true preparation of the Sympathetical powder lately treated of by Sir Kenelm Digby.

An Antidote againſt all diſeaſes, Surfeits and infections.

To make and prepare the drink now in uſe called Coffee.

To make a choice Cordial Sirrup of Black-Cherries.

Courteous Reader,

THou art deſired to look with a favorable eye upon thoſe faults which thou maiſt meet with in this Book, and to Correct them with thy pen. If there be any that does make the ſence ſeem harſh to thee, thou art courteouſly required to amend them.

An effectual { Diaphoretick / Diuretick } purgeth by { Sweating / Urine.

THis Pill is a Corrector of all Vegetative poiſons. This that I have written is true, although ſome there are which takes it in foul ſcorn that I ſhould profeſs that power, as to Correct *opium* and they themſelves cannot; but let ſuch contentious Doctors know, that the Gentleman is yet in very good health that drank 200. grains of *opium* at one draught, which was of my correcting, *So that if it be taken after any portion vomative or laxative, it will not work at all; or when any portion works over violently, it forthwith ſtops it by reaſon of its corrective power*: This alſo as far as my experience hath taught me, is true, and if any liſt let them make further proof; *In like manner it Corrects all poiſons in mans body from head to feet*; By conſtant experience we find its working ſo various and ſtrange that we can believe no leſs, for although to all appearance people that are alike troubled, yet will it vomit ſome, purge others, and make others ſweat out of meaſure, and others purge ſtrangely by Urine, and others as ſtrangely ſend

forth Rhums and Fleam at the mouth; and some others it may be none of all these, but will break out all over, and sundry other ways as nature hath provided to great wonder, which people when they are well, tell us how strangely it wrought with them. Unto God only be given all the praise for his mercies, it sufficeth that people finde relief in their distress; so that indeed we do clearly see it doth ransack whole nature of what temper, complexion, or constitution soever, and finding out what it is that is noctious unto it, finds out one way or other as nature is most prompt to administer relief, and according unto our experience it is ever constant unto a constant mind, and most certain it is that many foolishly out of a fond conceit, because this Pill hath operated contrary unto what they before hand have supposed, have left its use to their great hurt and damage; and at this day (out of some such phantastical humor neglecting it) languish in their pains and griefs, these lending their credulous ears unto the envious which neither know nor understand the thing they speak evil of, but thou which wilt believe thy experience, will find that if thy grief lies in thy head, any part of it, thou shalt be sure to find it awakened, nay oft times when men doth not think that their grief lieth there by reason it may be that thy illness proceeds of some old Cold or Surfeit, or Bruse, so as thou hast forgotten it, this Pill will begin at the root of thy grief, and if of Wind, it strangely followeth it up and down the body of man till it be turned out; or if it be

ſome inward breach or ſoreneſs, or Impoſthums it by reaſon of its power from fixt Salts doth break, and by reaſon of its Balſamical vertue, doth heal above belief, ſo that as people inform us of great pains and grief they have had for ſome years, till by this Pill ſometimes ſtinking Matter, and ſometimes ſtinking blood hath been ſent forth which hath been infinitely beyond my skill to help, but God hath bleſſed the uſe of this Pill to ſave the lives of many ſo grieved bleſſed be his name, and if the defect be amongſt the Uritures, Kidnes, Rains or Bladder, then the effects by Urine is as admirable much beyond our reaſon, for it ſometimes ſends out ſtuff of divers collours, and ſometimes but of one collour like ſnot and like jaggs of cloth, jaggs of paper, and of divers collours mixed together, and ſometimes ſwiming on the Surface, and ſometimes lying in the bottom; and ſo alſo hath brought out many Stones, many of which we have to ſhew, which people that voyded them upon the taking of the Pills have brought us; alſo Gravel in abundance, both red and other collours, which it doth by its power from fixed Salts, and the true preparing the Spirit of Turpentine, and I do atteſt to all men, that I am ſix moneths in preparing the Spirit of Turpentine for this Pill; and let all men know aſſuredly, it is not nor cannot be ripe for this Pill under, and therefore thus duely prepared, I do believe a higher Ballſom is not in the world both inwardly and outwardly; God grant I may uſe it to his glory and peoples good, for we find it ſo potent in

cleanſing all Windineſs, Slimineſs, Stone, or Gravel, and in caſe of Flux of blood, running of Rains, and the like, or Flux of ſcouring, I think the like is not to be found, for by reaſon of the mixion of forceable Vegetatives, it doth ſo ſweetly ſtop all bleeding beyond belief, although it be either by Fundament, or by Urine, or by Mouth, as in Conſumptions, or at Noſe, it forthwith ſtops it as ſoon as it is warm in their Bellies; if it be grief of the Joynts, Ach of Bones, Pains of the Feet, as the Gout in the Feet, or the running Gout, or that which is called the Kings-evil, by that time a Pill can be warm in their belly, the patient will be ſenſible of eaſe, and to the praiſe of God I ſpeak it, many of every Sex and Age that have not been able to feed or help themſelves, or ſtir a limb in their beds, with the uſe of this Pill are now in health and ſet at liberty; there would be no end of ſpeaking, and yet but what is true, the wonderful wonders that God hath done by this Pill both inwardly and outwardly, and if thoſe take it who have Conſumptions with ſore Coughing, alſo thoſe that wheeſe with ſhortneſs of Breath with Coughing; I ſay there are many of theſe alive thanks be given to God who comfortably injoy themſelves, which to the appearance of man would never a held out, and many of theſe perfectly cured and ſo remain, which indeed is more then in reaſon we might have expected, for according to the opinion of the ableſt in Phyſick, theſe diſtempers proceed from a debelity in nature, and therefore not cureable, but God hath ſhewed his power and good-

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neſs to many, that there doth not appear the leaſt ſign of a diſtemper, ſo that in a reaſonable time both Cough and Rhume is quite gone and Breath at will: I am loath to recite particulars, and yet give no more but the very truth, becauſe I know many will hardly believe it (& yet I am conſtrained here to give ſome inſtances) for I ſpeak not this without witneſs, thanks be to God, many hundreds about *London* will give teſtimony of the truth written, with thankſgiving unto Almighty God who hath ſtrengthened and opened their Breaſts when they were almoſt brought unto the gates of death, God bleſſing this Pill to them for their reviving, thanks be given unto God for all his unſpeakable gifts. I had a Maid-ſervant that from a child had a ſore Cough in ſuch extremity, and I feared oft ſhe would never get Breath again, it had ſuch violence upon her; and ſhe ſaid it would never be cured, it was natural unto her, and that her mother died thereof, I cauſed her to take of theſe Pills, as well for my own quietneſs as her cure, ſhe did ſo diſturbe me in the night ſeaſon; I gave her but little ones and gave them time, ſhe never lay hour for them, but roſe every morning all Winter, and did perform her duty in the houſe without interruption, and I think it was half a year or near before it was quite gone, and in that time it took it ſo perfectly away, as to my knowledge I heard her not Cough in half a a year more, nay not while ſhe was in my houſe.

A man ſo afflicted with ſhortneſs of Breath and Coughing, as did exceed moſt that I have heard

of, and he ſends to me for Pills, which he took, and with his own mouth telleth us, that for ſeven years he was ſo grievouſly afflicted therwith, that he could not all the Winter ſeaſon lie down in his bed, and if he had aſſayed to do it, then he ſhould ſtrangle, and of a ſuddain ſtart up and ſtretch up his arms above his head to get paſſage for his Breath again, which with difficulty he recovered; ſaid he unto us the firſt Pill that ever I took of yours, I laid me down and ſlept ſweetly all the night, at which I and my Wife greatly admiring, praiſed God, as alſo we did with him, and that it ſeemed more ſtrange, he ſaid he Coughed not all the night, nor was he ſenſible of any ſtraightneſs of Breath all the night; and this man remains ſo well, that to my knowledge he doth not ſpend ſo much as one quarter of an ounce in a quarter of a year. It grieves my heart as I go up and down the ſtreets to hear the people Cough and wheeſe, holding their ſides with ſhort breathing, when God hath put in my hand ſo great a bleſſing for mankind, and ye will not make uſe of it many that have knowledge of it, and if I ſhould go about to perſwade them to it, ye will imagine I do it for my own advantage; there are ſome that have much to anſwer for diſſwading well-minded People againſt it to their hurt; I pray God forgive them, it is evident that they themſelves can do nothing in this caſe, but are juſt like the dogg in the manger, that will eat no hay himſelf, nor ſuffer the horſe to eat it; notwithſtanding a volume might be written of its power and efficacy which is true and real touching its preſent

ſent help in the caſes aforeſaid.

Likewiſe for all kind of Scowrings and Fluxes whatſoever, and therefore it is truely ſaid, that it is a Corrector of all poiſons within mans body from his head unto his feet.

And helpeth the patient to cure, except it be over long decocted that it became Cronical, yet then it gives perfect eaſe; The cures which hath been performed in this four or five years laſt paſt, are too many here to recite; I ſhall give you a few inſtances, ſuch as came at the preſent into my mind as I was a writing, by which the reſt may be the better gueſſed at.

A woman that is now well and in health (ready to bear teſtimony if there were occaſion) comes to me and preſſed me to conſider her condition, which indeed was very lamentable and ſad, for one of her leggs was all out or very near as bigg as my waſt, with ſundry ſtinking Fiſtulad Ulcers running in it, which I was not able to look on, this legg in growing into this condition, ſhe told me was ten or eleven years, and all that time ſhe could get no help but had ſpent what ſhe was able in vain; I gave her of my Pills at a ſmall rate conſidering her condition, and willed her to prove whether there were likelihood of help by them, to apply nothing outwardly, but to waſh it with her own water or with Brandewine, ſhe accordingly did, keeping it warm as ſhe ought to do, and ſo gave my Pills time, which ſhe accordingly did, and at firſt they did not onely ſweat her out of meaſure, but did throw out abundance of filth out of meaſure at the Ulcers

that did greatly wet her bed in the night; ſhe began to be fearful and I perſwaded her to patience, whereon ſhe continues her order, and when they had thrown out all that was fit to be thrown out, then began the bigneſs of her legg to abate, and ſo with abundance of eaſe ſweetly took down her legg and healed thoſe Ulcers one after another unto her great wonder, and when ſhe was near whole, and had but one hole in her legg open, and the greatneſs of it gone, and that legg no bigger then the other, ſome of her Goſſips perſwaded her, if ſhe did not keep one of the Ulcers open, that ſhe ſhould dye; I think ſhe was near ſix moneths in bringing her legg unto this condition, and then ſhe left off, that ſo the hole left might run ſtill, and ſo it did, and by degrees her legg begun to ſwell again, and I on the other ſide wondred what was become of my cuſtomer, for my councel to her was, that if the Pills healed them all perfectly ſhe was a happy woman and ought to give God thanks for it; and further that if they were all whole ſhe would yet continue taking of them for at leaſt three moneths, that her nature might get ſtrength and find other purgers then at her Ancles, conſidering for how long time her nature had been debelitated and other emantuaries found which nature did not ordain, but ſhe forſaking this advice as is above ſaid relapſed, and finding that her legg began as faſt to go back as when ſhe uſed the Pills it did to heal, ſhe fell to work again and followed the taking of the Pill as ſhe ought and thorow Gods mercy perfected the cure, as is to be ſeen at this

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day, and now it may be ſhe ſends for a quarter of an ounce in three or four moneths, unto God who ſheweth mercy to the poor that put their truſt in him, be all praiſe and glory for ever amen.

There came unto me two or three men of good quality, and brought with them a Country man about twenty four years old extream lame and weak of the Palſie, ſo ſore that he could not button himſelf, nor put on his clothes nor feed himſelf, I gave him ſix Pills with a little Oyl of Amber of my own drawing, he never came again ſo much as to return thanks (I hope he was thankful to God) a while after I met one of the Gentlemen that brought him to me in Abchurch-lane end in Cannon Street by meer accident, he gave me many thanks for my love unto his friend, and told me that he was gone down into the Country again very well about his buſineſs, and had ſtrength and uſe of his hands and limbs, to his great joy and comfort, praiſed be God.

I will now recite you hear another, I think as ſtrange a cure as any hath been done in this latter age of the world; and truely had I not done it my ſelf as a weak inſtrument, I ſhould very hardly believed it, and truely I will not vary one tittle from the naked truth to the beſt of my underſtanding and knowledge, and it was upon a Inns of Court Gentleman, that was once of the Kings Army a Colonel, he being deſperately ſick of a very foul and deſperate diſeaſe, and had took many Pills, wherein much Quickſilver as is ſuppoſed had been put, but procured nothing but

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ſigns of death, that his meſſenger told me he never looked to come off his bed, a bold woman came to me without any guiſe or collour, and told me plainly how it was with him, and I not much caring for ſuch kind of Patient, gave her about ſix Pills and ſent her away, and bid her as he liked them to ſend to me again, but ſhe ſoon came again with theſe words in her mouth, the Gentleman ſaith that he never meet with a honeſt man till now, and doth intreat you that you would not ſlight him in this ſad condition, but go forward with him, by what you have done already he is of good hope of ſuddain cure, for by and by after one of your Pills were in his belly, the ſore racking of limbs, and knawing of his Bowels did ceaſe, and that he is greatly refreſhed with them, I ſent him more of the ſame, with order how to uſe it more effectually; ſhortly after ſhe came again for more of the ſame, and then ſhe did aſſure me that my Pills and drink which he took, had ſuch wonderful effects upon him which did almoſt fright them, but that he was hearty and eat his meat, they ſhould have feared, for all his hair came off from all parts of his whole body, and alſo his whole ſkin came off all over his whole body, and alſo all his nails, both on his hands and feet came off from him without any violence fell off of themſelves; I do proteſt as in the ſight of God what is ſaid is true, to the beſt of my underſtanding, and about three weeks after I began with him or thereabout, this Gentleman came to me and ſhewed me his naked body, which I was loath he ſhould, and not one hair upon

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him, but a freſh ſkin as of a young childe, indeed he looked ſhotten and wan, as one that had been ſick, and ſo he had; he told me he was as well as ever he was in all his life, and that which made me more to wonder, was that the nails of his hands did then begin to peep out like the little white that is at the root of our nails. I may not handſomely ſay any more, I bleſs God that hath guided me to ſpeak what is very true, and nothing but what is true.

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ſigns of death, that his meſſenger told me he never looked to come off his bed, a bold woman came to me without any guiſe or collour, and told me plainly how it was with him, and I not much caring for ſuch kind of Patient, gave her about ſix Pills and ſent her away, and bid her as he liked them to ſend to me again, but ſhe ſoon came again with theſe words in her mouth, the Gentleman ſaith that he never meet with a honeſt man till now, and doth intreat you that you would not ſlight him in this ſad condition, but go forward with him, by what you have done already he is of good hope of ſuddain cure, for by and by after one of your Pills were in his belly, the ſore racking of limbs, and knawing of his Bowels did ceaſe, and that he is greatly refreſhed with them, I ſent him more of the ſame, with order how to uſe it more effectually; ſhortly after ſhe came again for more of the ſame, and then ſhe did aſſure me that my Pills and drink which he took, had ſuch wonderful effects upon him which did almoſt fright them, but that he was hearty and eat his meat, they ſhould have feared, for all his hair came off from all parts of his whole body, and alſo his whole ſkin came off all over his whole body, and alſo all his nails, both on his hands and feet came off from him without any violence fell off of themſelves; I do proteſt as in the ſight of God what is ſaid is true, to the beſt of my underſtanding, and about three weeks after I began with him or thereabout, this Gentleman came to me and ſhewed me his naked body, which I was loath he ſhould, and not one hair upon him,

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poundings of theſe, all which paſſeth my brains, I do not know them for my ſelf, and therefore undoubtedly cannot know them for any other, neither do I take it upon me, but my work teacheth me to know that long circulation doth produce fixing, and when fixt, its effects are more or leſs ſtrong or weak, much or little according unto the degrees thereof.

A man is therefore truely called *Microcoſme*, a little world, a world indeed of wonders; *Solomon* ſaith ſpeaking of man, God hath ſet the world in his heart, and who can find it out? And in his Book of Wiſdom, where he promiſeth to teach us all wiſdom, and the beginning of it, and whence it is, he telleth us ſomething of his one beginning that he was born of a woman as all others are, and more he teacheth but of that nature, wherein he whiſpereth that man is the ſeat or ſubject of true wiſdom, which you may read at your leaſure.

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the two Poles, atractive and expulsive; now then if there be a man in the world that knoweth himself, then would I ask what that man is ignorant of; but if thou couldest as it were go out of thy self, and could diligently converse with thine one Intelligences, and the opperation of the threefold world in one, *viz.* Celestial, Intelligable and Terrestrial or Beastial, mixt with infernal thorow the fall of man. I say the vast Latitude and extent of man in all respects, thou wouldst find him such a mistery as hath whole nature contained in him; and consequently the variety of his Ailes are accordingly, whence very many take their root from the mind, and very many from secret Sympathy and Antepathy, which with a witness sheweth the presumption of Pispot Doctors, nay that man or hundredth man may be truely called wise that is able with their tongues to give a true Character of their one Ailes which I speak it boldly, not one of a hundred is able to do, and God knows they are administred to accordingly; all which duely considered, thou wilt see reason and cause why the Ancients spent their time in searching out Medicines Universal.

I have therefore from the serious consideration of the premises, wholly set my self unto the study of Hemetick Physick, and that is wholly set on two things, Universality for safty when wisly administred and universality in opperation: and let it not seem to thee as a new or strange thing; this is evident in the Books of the Ancients as the height of their skill, and nothing more frequent in all their writings then receipts of Medicin Uni-

Universal, as all that read can bear witness, and if I should give you their receipts, it would swell this little Book unto a great Volum.

I do affirm unto all men that there is nothing contained in all the three kingdoms of nature, *viz.* Mineral Vegetative and Animal, but that it doth contain in it self Medicin universal; suppose what you will in the world, if he grant that which no man can deny, *viz.* That all things created by the blessed Trinity are made of three, Salt, Sulphur and Mercury, then take I pray you what individual you please, suppose it to be a Vegetable any Herb of any kind for the Arcanus or Spirit of Life, is the same in all things, and separate by a natural process, these three substances, give them their due cleansing, *viz.* for the Salt give a natural calcination, then dissolve filter coagulate, and again calcin repeating these so long untill they will yeild unto thee no more fecis; but be sure thy calcination do not excite too much, for thy Salt doth consist also of three sorts, a fixed Salt, and a Nitrous, and a Volitil, and if thou stir him too much be sure thou wilt give wing unto the Vollotil; this wisely prepared is a great treasure, be as careful and as natural in the cleansing and rectifying of thy Sulphur, and likewise of thy Mercury, each one according unto his kind and being cleansed according to Art, then conjoyn them according unto the poise of nature, then feed them by *Vulcans* hand, but let not his Bellows be to bigg untill all reunite again, and do fix and make it lively; this work being finished, I do demand of all men what this want-

wanteth of a univerſal Medicin or fifth eſſence: Now that Salt, Oyl, and Water will really become a body, is evident for the mediation of Oyl, or Fat, or Sulphur binds or brings together the two extreams, *viz.* Salt and Water, the one being fixed of kind, and the other being Volitil, the ſweet Mediation of Sulphur brings theſe extreams into unity, and this is apparently ſeen in a vulgar working of ſope, and although that working be violent and unnatural, yet is there ſuch a conjugal imbracing each other performed and that in few hours as would puſle a good Artiſt to undo truely for ſome moneths, if it can ever be done at all, it is not fables I ſpeak of, nor ſcraped out of books without reaſon, but is the daily work and labor of my hand with reaſon upon experience that enforceth me to believe this matter, and I have ſpoke the more unto it, becauſe many that want not ignorance do laugh at a univerſal Medicin, but I am upon good grounds bound to believe that all and every thing in the world hath it, yea the moſt diſpiſed creature, that the moſt high God hath created and made, and further I freely grant the leaſt or worſt of things that have being, doth carry ſo much of the Wiſdom of its Creator in it, that the more I have and do labor to know its extent, the more I am at a loſs, yea indeed I become the more a fool, confeſſing freely that I know nothing as I ought to know it, and if of creatures thus to ſpeak in general, then what ſhall we ſay of the moſt choiſeſt creature, man; this then I do certainly take alſo for granted, that there is no ſickneſs

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or Aile attends the body of man!, but his cure is of and from his one body, he always hath it with him if he knew how and what and when to apply it to himself, either of his substance or of his excrements.

From hence may the miserable estate of poor man be discerned, who of all creatures when he is sick is the most helpless, miserable, full of tormenting pains, and as ignorant of his one cure or what should cure him, for men in health think not on sickness untill they be sick; but spend their time in the beastiality and sordid covetings after the things and pleasures of this life, blinded in sin and drenched with Surfeiting, either abusing Gods creatures or themselves in inordinate desire after them, so that they neither know God in his word nor in his works, nor themselves, or what is good to help them; one word further which sets out mans misery, and I hope may awaken some to amendment of life, I would ask, why is it a man suffers such intollerable pain in sickness and death more then a beast: I will give two reasons for it, first the intireness of natures composition together with the length of time in his maturation, for things where in nature hath but a weak and short time of coction admits of a easie and suddain dissolution or separation, every one in every thing discerneth this, but man hath the most perfect composition of any thing that hath a animal life with sence and feeling, and add to that the great time he requires before he come up unto his full strength, this must needs require some

hard knocks in the dissolving as well as it did receive time and strength in cocting. Secondly, that which is more then this, is the force of his imagination and apprehension both of death and of Gods displeasure for sin, all which doth make him so mightily sensible that the terrors of death is oft born before it come, as in *Agag* King of the *Amalekites*, a word to a wise man is sufficient, because this is not my proper discourse intended in this place.

What hath been said, let it admonish all men as they tender the wellfare of body or soul, not to be unfurnished for either, assuring that they will not be hurt by true knowledge, and do therefore conclude that the Medicin that strengthens and comforts the Vital Spirits, fortifies the heart, and purgeth and cleanseth the blood, is a Universal Medicin, for what temper or quality aboundeth and exceeds the poise of nature, that is, he an enemy unto, as if a man have a Feavor, that I suppose will be granted to be too much fire, he is a perfect enemy of that, or if Wind, drives away that; these things are common with me performed with my Pill, judge of it as you please, & I shall count it sufficient thorow Gods rich mercy and goodness, frequently to cure and frequently to ease pains & Ailes counted uncureable.

It being taken for granted that all diseases for the most part proceed from a poisonous quality Hetrogenial to nature: If any man list to deny or dispute this, I would gladly be informed by him.

For Agues, if this Pill be taken in reasonable doss two hours before the fit, and a glass of Sack or Ale drank after

after it, That is to say, so much as the Patient finds by good experience that they can bare and observe this order two hours before the fit comes, take two Pills,& in the intrim of fits take one Pill.

The Patient being put into a warm bed disposed for sweat, at three times taking it for the most part, is absolute cure, let it be never so malignant, The Pill working by sweat principally in this disease, requires a warm bed, and that two hours before the fit, because by that time the Pills will contribute their vertue all over the body, so that instead of having a cold and shaking fit, the patient will be a sleep and in a fine sweat, provided that you have given a right dose, that is so much as the strength of the patient can bare,& the disease doth require, it hath fallen out oft that one Pill alone hath cured an Ague, and it falls out that some that are compounded with other diseases, will not be cured with twenty, yet all do feel their benefit at the very first taking of it, which will give them incouragement sufficient to persevere and give it time, if it be so that the disease require it,for you may take notice that the Ague is but the beginning or forerunner of many other diseases, far worse then it self,as Dropsie,Scurvy,Jaundies, and ofttimes Consumptions, yet thorow the bounty of God, I have helped many far gone with all these with this Pill, and very little other things to help; it is also to be noted how irregular many are in the use of means which will neither give themselves time nor rest, but finding their fit at the first and second taking to be gone will no longer be ruled, and will take no more,

and thus in six or eight dayes their fits come again whereas indeed they had need to take them at least fourteen dayes after the fits are gone, that nature may get strength, and the blood thorowly purged, and some that will not be ruled, have come again and again, and urged their business permitted them not, but some of these by that time the Winter have come unto its depth, their business has permitted them to dye, I do make mention of this to second my admonition, and I do warn and charge, that although the first Pill that you take to your thinking, hath conquered your Ague, that you notwithstanding expect it, as soon as the power of the Pill is wrought out, except you supply with another, and that for sometime you may fear its coming again; there is not any case wherein people have more abused themselves and me in my credit and my Pill, then in this business of Agues, all which might be easily helped if people would follow home as they should, but let him that is disposed to play with his Ague, assure himself his Ague will not play with him; neither let him think that it will be set going with one violent portion, for experience telleth those that so doing they do but drive themselves into the Dropsie, as extream vomitting with unknown powders, not but that a vomit is rational and necessary with other means; there would be no end for me to write particulars the cures have been so many, for many hundreds have been cured herewith, and many have helped their friends with my Pills, whose faces I never

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ſaw, and they are a living teſtimony of the power of my Pills.

The like for all kind of Feavors, onely inſtead of Sack drink white wine, but if the Feavor have got head before this Pill be taken, and the patient weak and wanteth the benefit of nature by ſiege, there is a proper Gliſter to be taken to cleanſe, open, and cool the patient, but upon their life not to neglect the taking of the Pills. As to Feavors, through the bounty of Almighty God, I think greater wonders have hardly been ſeen; how ſpeedily and effectually this Pill in few hours doth over-rule the diſeaſe, and in a little time doth cure them, as may appear by the inſtances following, One of my neighbors comes unto me, and brings another with her, and deſired me to viſit her daughter which lay at the point of death, about eleven or twelve yeers of Age, her ſickneſs was a high Feavor accompanied with extream ſhortneſs and want of breath, left of a very honeſt and able Doctor, who told her Father and Mother, that if ſhe deſired any thing, they ſhould give it her, for he would not preſcribe or give any thing more unto her; and further, that ſhe could not live untill the morrow morning; ſhe alſo ſaid that ſhe would deſire me if I thought good, to give her any thing, if ſhe ſhould dye, yet it would be no diſcredit unto me, for they all looked upon her as dead, although ſhe were alive, I went with her and took of the extract of my Pill, and truely I never ſaw in all my life greater weakneſs and yet live; at her mothers intreaty I gave her half a ſpoonful of my extract in White wine and Sugar, and ſaid if it

pleaſe God that ſhe do ſleep and ſweat (for neither of them ſhe could not be brought unto) I do not much fear but that ſhe may yet recover, while we were ſpeaking a very little while her mother telling me the manner how ſhe fell ſick, ſhe turned her ſelf about, ſaid ſhe, I think my child is a ſleep already, I wiſhed her to feel one her forehead, and it was a little moiſt, I cauſed all to depart the room, and I went home, this was at four in the afternoon, and juſt about eight the neighbor that came with her mother came in great haſt, and told us that ſhe had ſlept and ſweat all that while, and now ſhe was awaked, and called for meat, and they deſired to know what they ſhould give her; I will ſay no more of of this, what is ſaid is true, and will ſpeak for it ſelf; it is ſufficient through Gods wonderful bleſſing upon the Pill as the means this child is in perfect health, as far as I am able to judge; neither do I doubt but this with other inſtances will ſtand in the face of envy it ſelf, praiſed be God who giveth me many ſuch like witneſſes, whoſe record is true and will ſtand on my behalf both in heaven and earth.

Another inſtance I will give you more ſtrange then this, a Gentleman well known comes to me with a grave Gentlewoman with him, and he told me he had a onely ſon of about thirteen yeers old, who had laid ſick of a Feavor about ſeven days, and that he neither did eat, ſleep, nor ſweat, but did burn as if he were one fire, and that for want of reſt he did talk idle, and that he had uſed means uneffectual and did much fear his

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life, desired me to give something that might do him good, I gave with him a little bottle of the aforesaid extract of my Pill, and willed them to make hast and presently give him one spoonful in two of White wine and Sugar, which as it appears they did; I told them as I did unto the other, that if it did produce sweat and sleep, I did not doubt the recovery of his son (in an ordinary way of Gods providence) and that I had daily experience in like cases; and I further willed them to give him the like portion every half day untill he was well, if they thought good to follow my advice (which advice cost them nothing) about two days after the ancient Gentlewoman comes again with the same bottle, and I am sure I did hardly miss one spoonful, in so much that I would have forced her, if I could, to have taken all her mony again, but I could not; and she said that they made haste as I bad them, and what was wanting they gave it him at that time, and he presently fell asleep, and also into a gallant breathing sweat, and so he lay asleep in his sweat six hours (for nature having ease, the patient will soon sleep) and then he waked and called for meat, which they gave him, and it did well agree with him, to all their exceeding joy and comfort, and said she he is very well, and doth continue sleeping well and orderly, and also eating his meat, and I give you a hundred thanks, and have brought you your bottle again, it may please God it may save the life of another, for he never took it but once; now I do assure you, God Almighty the faithful and true witness knoweth

that to my beſt knowledge, I have not erred, no not in one tittle as to the ſubſtance of the relation; unto him therefore be all obedience thankſgiving, praiſe and glory forever Amen.

The general rules that I follow in giving this Pill, whether it be in a Pill or in a extract is to begin with little enough at firſt, wherein is both pleaſantneſs and ſafty, for ſome have fooliſhly flung off at once taking, becauſe they it may be have ſleeped a hour or two longer then they expected, and it may be ſweat more then and longer then they were willing, theſe it is evident complain of eaſe, yet is there own fault for taking it it their own way, and not after my direction.

It helpeth all Headach and Toothach, Experience which is the trueſt informer, ſpeaks aloud in this matter alſo, for if a little Pill be applied unto the Tooth, it (while one can tell fourty) gives eaſe, and often times never troubles more for that time. I was once with two or three friends in cold weather, drinking a pot of hot Purle at the corner of Broadſtreet, the maid of the houſe almoſt mad with her Teeth, and her Miſtris ſaid ſhe was ready to knock her brains out for madneſs, I gave her about four grains in a little Pill, and bid her lay it to the aching Tooth which ſhe did, and preſently went to draw us drink, who came preſently up again laughing, my friends thought I had conjured, they could hardly believe her that her Teeth did ach, ſhe affirmed they were well and all her pain gone. I gave her a Pill to take when ſhe went to bed to make all ſure, which it did perfectly ſo that her teeth ached not

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while ſhe ſtaid in that houſe; many ſuch like I might relate, but becauſe I ſuppoſe belief in this muſt be granted, it is ſo common that many do much help this way as I never hear of in all parts of the City and Country, but my advice is to take it in a good doſs and go to bed, & if they could be great to take three or four, ſo it will do thee many good offices beſides the help of the Tooth-ach, for if the defluction of Rhums be high, and there appear unto their preſent feeling, nothing but pains of Teeth, yet if they make not uſe of good means to ſtop and dry up that humor, they may expect the Scurvy, Conſumption or Dropſie to follow, whereby their lives will ſpend out in miſery and haſt them to death; and for the Head-ach it is as ready help, and all kind of pains in the Head, I never knew any grief of the Head ſtand with it but one, and the Gentleman ſaid it was called a *Virtego*, what that is I am not ſo wiſe, but this I know, that the party grieved, ſaid he always was pained with a ſcalding twixt the ſkin and the ſkull of his head; and I think but that I durſt not to be ſo bold with him, if this Pill had been applied unto the ſkull of his head it would have reached it better, but for any other pain or grief, although never ſo bad or of long ſtanding it doth over-rule it, *It dries up dropping Rhums, Catarhs which deſtroy the Lungs*: Bleſſed be God I ſpeak it with joy, the many which this Pill hath helped both in City and Country, which have been left of great and able men, and ſome of them ſo weak that they have not been able to come to me; at this inſtant one man in *Northumberland-*

berland-Alley, a loſt man in all appearance, and in his and his wives judgements, even at once is a living monument of Gods mercy and the Pills power and efficacy; I do verily believe I might have Certificates of hundreds of this grief onely, if I would deſire them under their own hands, with their place of dwelling, I do know well that the more good I am an inſtrument to do the more ſome will envy; I may not look to ſpeed better then he that was without ſin.

Preſently helpeth any cold Cough or Surfeit, which is alſo true, that although a mans Cough were never ſo violent, yet ſhall he not Cough that night he takes a Pill till towards morning a little, then it may be he may Cough a little to caſt forth his Rhums thickned, for lying twixt Head and Lungs defends the one and ſends up ſweet vapors in to the other that there is no Coughing; many people of great age at the gates of death to their thinking, God bleſſing this Pill unto them are revived, and comfortably injoy themſelves and are at eaſe injoying their breath in good order, which before was ever ready to ſtrangle; I do perſwade my ſelf that the world n ever injoyed a more ſubſtantial help for all griefs of this kind, and let me tell thee plainly and freely if the firſt Pill that thou ſhalt take do not ſufficiently ſpeak for it ſelf I do aſſure thee that I deſire to ſay nothing, neither will I perſwade thee to take a ſecond.

There is in *London* a Aged and honorable Alderman which for ſome years was much troubled with a Diſtillation or Defluction of Rhums from his head, this Gentleman ſpent and took much

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for the ſame of ſundry of the greateſt note, but to no purpoſe as he informeth me himſelf, the firſt Pill of mine that ever he did take, although but a little one, did ſtop his Diſtillation, that he did not Cough all that night, unto his great wonder, and I thank him he did in my vindication ſend unto thoſe whoſe things before proved uneffectual, and let them know what one ſmall Pill of mine had done, which did win me and my Pills great credit; there would be no end of writing of particulars, we hardly paſs a day without experiences of this kind thanks be to God; and for ſuch kind of colds as carry the ſymptoms of Ague or Feavor with them, if you take it betimes and in reaſonable quantity as the Patient may bear, it is ſeldom but that one Pill brings you off maſter, but if not (for it is according as the ſtrength of the infection is) yet continue and with ſmall patience all will be overcome; I ſpeak by experience, for I have oft in cold and foul weather come home with the apparent ſigns of both Feavor and Ague, and then I haſt to bed, taking one Pill juſt preſently, for every minuit would be to loſs; and about four or ſix hours after I tooke another, always having by me a bottle of good Strong Waters, that in caſe of faintings I may refreſh my ſelf with a ſpoonful or two thereof, either by it ſelf or mixed with Ale or Beer; and keeping this order that fever nor one in ten ſtayes with me above twenty four hours, or to keep me in a doors all the next day, if the weather be favorable, and for any Surfeit either of diet, drink, or labor, or any other way, it is as

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ready help as possibly the nature of the disease will permit; but if the Surfeit be by meat or drink it will work variously, sometimes by vomit, and most frequently, and sometimes by purging onely, and sometimes by both, and if the Surfeit be long taken, it will work higher then by Sweat and Urin, and will cause the patient to break out more or less according as the nature and degrees of the patient is, whereby thorow the blessing of God, it hath eminently saved the lives of many, as I will give you here a few instances.

A lusty & strong young man upon strong labor being both hot and dry, met with small Beer, and he dranke freely, which did chill his fat and blood within him, he suddainly was sensible and betook himself unto his bed, where he lay in a desperate condition, none expecting his life could be saved, his wife comes to me for him, making great complaint that they had spent all that they had, and words to that purpose, I gave her Pills and heard no more of her: about three or four months after by a mear accident I was with some where also this man was in company, I knew not him, nor he knew not me, till by the discourse of the company, he gained knowledge that it was I who gave Pills at the Tower, and he did there before them all, make a relation of his long sad condition, and that his wife found favor, said he, with this Gentleman, who gave me freely a small pot of stuff to make Pills on, and the first Pill, said he, that ever I did take, I did find my spirits revive within me, and I never had more; and Sir I crave pardon for my unthankfulnes

neſs unto you, and now give you a hundred thanks, for under God you ſaved my life, &c. this man is alwayes ready to ſpeak to the full height of what I have ſaid, and much more both of himſelf and friends.

Another man coming up from *Mancheſter* in cold weather, a man that uſe to be much in the fire, and alſo to keep company, by that time he got unto *London*, his ſpirit was ſpent, having got Surfeit upon Surfeit, and being both perverſe and alſo covetous, reſolved to dye rather then fall into any Doctor, Apothecary, or Chirurgeons hand, his brother and ſiſters perſwaſions were all in vain, he being reſolved to lay his bones here, as he ſaid, at laſt his brother thought of me, and ſaid unto him, that he would bring a man to him that was neither Doctor nor Apothecary, then he began to hearken a little, but what was I then? an Alchimiſt (which he underſtood as well as Wallthams Calf) I was brought (for I could not ſay myfriend his brother nay) and found him in a lumpiſh heartleſs temper, and burning in a Feavor, he regarded little what I ſaid, neither would be perſwaded to take any thing, till I having made three little Pills, and firſt I took one my ſelf, then his brother took the ſecond, and when he ſaw that, he for ſhame took the third, it did vex me, & yet it was ſome pleaſure to ſee the hoggiſh temper of the man; I haſted and made two and left them for to take at other nights if he liked the working of that in his belly, and the all that I made was but little ones, partly becauſe of the mans exceeding timorouſneſs, and partly becauſe of my

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ſelf being from home, I willed him to haſt to bed and be kept warm ;I came the next morning to to ſee my patient, he coughed and told me he was much better, gave me many thanks, his brother proteſted that they heard him break wind in the night (as he and his wife lay in the Chamber over him) as if he would have blowed the bed from under him; and alſo when he came down to ſee him that his Rugg with which he was covered, did ſtand all on a dew, his ſweat coming thorow all the bed cloaths, he got up while I was there, and did eat a little of a Neck of Mutton the firſt meat that he did eat at *London*, and as I ſtood talking with him, I thruſt the two Pills together, and made up the number out of my box which he did not perceive; but the firſt had done the work, for they both did not near work ſo high with him as the firſt did, and in three dayes time this man was as well as ever he was in his life, and as chearfully went about his buſineſs; unto God whoſe commandment gives healing, be all praiſe and glory for ever, I confeſs I did receive too much reſpect, being but a poor weak inſtrument of ſo great and miraculous a work, conſidering the time of its performing, and I was as thorowly rewarded, for when he returned to *Mancheſter*, he ſent me the beſt *Cheſhire* Cheeſe he he could buy for mony, as he promiſed me for my cure. I have given you the particulars with their circumſtances in this and in divers other inſtances for good reaſon, which is, that the ignorant thereby, together with my punctual direction might be well inſtructed, how in all caſes they

order themſelves in making uſe of this Pill, for by experience I find, both ſay and write what I will for direction many forget, and many will do what they liſt, but I hope all will hold me excuſed, having afforded rules in abundance for direction, *viz.* be ſure aat firſt to take little enough and by little and little come on in quantity as you can bear it, and as your condition requires it (a wiſe man will cut his meat with his knife, but it may be that a mad man will cut his throat therewith, yet notwithſtanding the knife is good and neceſſary.)

One inſtance which comes now to my mind, I will tell you, A very good friend of mine well known amongſt Trades men, were feaſted by his Landlord at the time of paying his rent, with Veniſon and Reſpaſs wine, and being free and merry did eat and drink freely thereof, but did not at all diſgeſt the ſame, this one Saturday morning, he found himſelf indiſpoſed, and not well all the day, and grew worſe and worſe; at night he took one of my Pills (always having them in the houſe ready upon all occaſions) and goes to bed, in two hours time he begun to vomit, which he did very much with much illneſs, and as it may be ſuppoſed, wanted the moſt part of the benefit thereof (in that caſe I would adviſed to have took another) notwithſtanding he vomitted and drunk much all night with great violence, and he burned inwardly and was moſt unſatisfiedly dry (his drinking was out of meaſure) but ſtill inwardly burned worſe and worſe, and being ſpent grew very weak and feeble, in

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ſo much that his wife and friends did diſpair of life; and I being locked up in the Tower could not be ſpoke with till betwixt ſix and ſeven in the morning; being ſent for I haſted and took with me one gill of my Antidote, for Pills I knew they had in the houſe, and when I came to him, he was ſo weak he could not ſpeak unto me, his face and noſe, his hands and feet was all as cold as earth, I had little hopes of his life, for contrary unto theſe his ſtomach did burn like fire, which indeed cauſed him to pour into his belly ſo much ſmall Beer, and by this time had no ſtrength to evacuate it again, that his Surfeit now was double as well from unreaſonable drinking of ſmall Beer, as of Reſpaſs wine and Veniſon, with his wives good liking I gave him three ſpoonfuls of my Antidote in four ſpoonful of Treacle water (praying for a bleſſing, yet much feared his life) it gave him a little eaſe as we conceived by his quiet lying, I hoped all vomiting had been ſtaid, thinking that to have been the beſt for him, he lay ſtill while one might tell treatably half a thouſand or thereabout, then he began to ſtretch out himſelf and turned up the white of his eyes, we all that were ſpectators was ſorely diſtreſſed for him, expecting nothing but that his laſt breath was going from him, but contrary unto our expectation he gathered up his feet and twiſted himſelf about and ſtart up, a great Baſon much like a Barbars baſon being ready, which he had uſed in the night, and there at once comes up ſuch a full torrent as his mouth could admit, which quickly filled the great Baſon, ſuch a vomit as I never beheld in

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all my life, and am perſwaded never ſhall again; and in the end of it comes his Reſpaſs wine, and his Veniſon unwrought on by nature, for it is evident, that all the former vomitting did not reach the root of the matter, this vomit being over, and another Baſon ready, he gave again another eaſie ſtrain and brought up again my Antidote juſt as he put it into his belly, both for quantity and collour, as neer as we could gueſs; look you ſaid his wife unto me, here is your ſtuff again, well ſaid I, bleſſed be God for this ſtuff, he hath done well for this time the Lord make us thankful; I would not for more then I will ſpeak of, your huſband had dyed, you would have thought ill of me and my Antidote, thorow the goodneſs of God this man was about his buſineſs in two dayes time; this my friend with all the reſt preſent are ready to witneſs what I have ſaid, and more touching this matter, unto God eternal immortal Lord of life and death, be praiſe and honnor and glory for ever Amen, for he taketh the ſtrong and hardy, and caſteth them unto the duſt of death according to his will; and again he taketh that which is ready to dye and reſtores it to life at his good will and pleaſure, and who is he of the hardieſt of men that can withſtand God.

It removes pains of the Breaſt, trembling of the Heart, cleanſeth the Blood. I have not known any pains ſtand before it, but in Feavors, or any other grief wherein is great crying out of pains and oppreſſions of the Breaſt, but the firſt Pill gives relief; there is a very aged woman by me on Tower-hill,

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It helpeth ſuddain fits of Sounding and Convulſions. A young man much troubled with fits, and oft would fall down and foam in his fits; I do not know what to determine them to be, and with the uſe of this Pill and my Oyl of Amber, found preſent relief, which he thankfully acknowledged beyond expectation, and very many of each Sex and Ages frequently have received the like benefit.

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that ſhe knew well enough that I never did undertake any thing, and that ſhe knew well enough the power and force of my Pills, and if ſhe ſhould venter to give it him, I would give her ſome, but to give it him by my advice, I would give none, blaming her for letting it be drove ſo far, & the old man near death, ſhe replied the caſe was deſperate and other means was uneffectual, and ſhe would give him a good Pill although he did dye, for there was no way elſe but that for him; I gave her Pills with her, ſhe gives him a good Pill, the old man by reaſon of pain had not ſlept for many nights and days, he preſently falls a ſleep, and ſlept four or five hours, and when he waked calls for a pot, and did ſo Urine, that they had hardly things to receive it, and of a ſuddain this man was up and about his buſineſs, bleſſed be God for all his unſpeakable mercies.

A loving friend of mine who lives at preſent at *Chattam* who knew well the worth and ſafty of my Pill, by much experience he had made, having a friend of his that was much troubled with the Stone and difficulty of making water, my friend gives him a good Pill, and the next day as he ſtood ſtraining againſt a Brick wall to make water, at laſt there flew out a ſtone from him and ſnapt againſt the Brick wall where he ſtood, of an incredible biggneſs to be of a mans voiding, upon which this man was wonderfully releaſed to his great comfort, which Stone my friend brings to us and we have it at this preſent by us; unto God Almighty be all thankſgiving for ever.

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A man comes unto me in behalf of his wife, a young woman that was desperately afflicted, but none could tell her what her grief was, notwithstanding the woman was weary of her life; her pains and knawing at her Breast was so exceeding much, and the most conceived she had the foul disease (it was indeed a foul disease) and I did also mistrust it, and I think the woman did likewise, but notwithstanding made many protestations for her self, I let them have Pills for their money, not doubting but they would make a discovery what the matter was; and so it was that my Pills did provoke strong vomiting, and at last comes up (as her husband telleth me) a thing that either was a worm or like a worm, but it had a strange ugly head, and was at least twelve or fourteen inches in length, I did not see it, nor could hear any more of it.

A woman at *Richmond*, a long time grieved, but knew not what her grief was, but sore oppressed at her Breast, a neighbor of hers gives her one of my Pills which caused her to vomit in a strong and violent manner she brought forth at her mouth clots of putrified blood, and matter of divers collours that hung together that it might be drawn out betwixt ones hands, and like jaggs of linnen, cloth, or paper, thorow Gods blessing it, did preserve her, and she in good health at this day praised be God for his rich mercy and goodness.

A very ancient Gentleman well known in the City of *London*, being much afflicted with the Stone and Gravel in the Kidnies, riding unto his

Countryhouſe, received a verygentle fall from his horſe upon the ſand, notwithſtand it did ſtir him too much, inſomuch as that his Urin was all blood, and as might be gueſſed in reaſon that the Stones in the Veſſel wherein they were bred being ſharp pointed, pricked the Kidnies which might produce bleeding; this Gentleman being careful of himſelf, cauſed a Coach to be that night ſent for and haſted to *London*, where in reaſon help might be attained, and ſuch was his care, that when the Coach came in hard and ſtony way, he got out of the Coach and went gently one foot, he applied himſelf unto the beſt means for help, as in reaſon were to be attained, but ſtill in vain, in ſo much that he did much fear his life, by reaſon of his much bleeding, and as near as he could gueſs, he had loſt above two Gallons of blood and watter, a friend of mind viſiting him, perſwaded him to take ſome of my Pills, which he did, and with good and happy effect, for it did both ſtop his bleeding, and yet alſo brought away handfuls of Gravel; this Gentleman came unto me for more of my Pills, and this is the true relation as near as I am able to remember, and thorow Gods mercy is ready to atteſt above what I have written, praiſed be God who gives life from death at his good will and pleaſure.

An Aldermans wife of this City being alſo grievouſly waſted with a flux of blood, that her condition was very doubtful, a woman that I am perſwaded fears the Lord in truth, ſhe deſired to ſpeak with me to take my Pills, and in two or three days finds great relief, and in a day or two

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more perfectly healed, and she was about her business, blessed be the God of all our mercies.

A woman by Bishops-gate, newly brought to bed but very sick of inward griefs, takes one of my Pills, which did bring a Stone I might guess as bigg as my great finger end, but long and one end much bigger then the other, her little daughter lighting one it, did bite off, as she said the bigger end, and if true, then was it bigger then I have spoken, she brought it us and left it for some moneths with us; further she telleth us that this Pill did bring from her by siege a thick hard congealed matter discoloured, and like Orange Pills, at which they did more wonder then at the former; this woman did recover and injoy much ease and health long after it; the most high who dwelleth with him that is of a humble heart and trembleth at his word, be all praise and glory for ever Amen, for I am perswaded this woman did truely fear the Lord, and put her whole trust in him.

A gentlewoman that was rich, but of a discontented Spirit, being near the point of death heard of my Pills; she took of it, but not according to my rules, but did mix it with stuff of her own; she lived about twelve months after she did begin with them, but got no ground but grew weaker and weaker, till at last she took the Pills alone, and when she was so weak that she would take no earthly thing, neither bread nor broth, nor any Cordial either of her own or of any other bodies she would take a little of my Pill, and

that alone did keep her alive, and ſuſtain her for ten dayes, to the great wonder and aſtoniſhment of all about her, and had the uſe of her ſences ſo far as to be much troubled at her kindred about the dividing of her eſtate, for ſhe had no child and was rich; this is a true relation, which the Nurſe which was alwayes with her doth give me.

A very old man near death and bed-rid for a good while meets with my Pill I know not how, and did revive exceedingly; his Son in law being accidentally in my company, told me how it did lift up his father from the grave beyond all expectation; I willed him to be careful of him, and told him that if he did neglect him one night it would indanger his life; about three months as I do remember, I met him again, ſaid he to me but that I know you are an honeſt man, I ſhould have thought you had been a Witch, for ſaid he, we forgot to ſend for Pills till it was too late, and the next day my father dyed, then I remembred what you ſaid.

Another old man near fourſcore being lame in his limbs, and alſo greviouſly afflicted with a Rupture, was bed-rid and could in no wiſe help himſelf not ſo much as to Button his Doublet, and to all demonſtration was very near his end, this man with the uſe of my Pills did begin to feel his arms and limbs, ſo that he could do ſome neceſſary offices for himſelf, and continuing began to ſtagger upon his leggs, and to feel himſelf upon his Cruches, and in ſhort time this man firſt threw away one Cruch and then another, ſo that now

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at this time this old man will go from *Ratcliff* to to *Weſtminſter*, and back again in a day, on his feet about his buſineſs, with onely a little ſhort ſtick in his hand, praiſed be God.

A very old man upward of fourſcore, lay two yeers bed-rid meeting with my Pill did ſo recover, that as his ſervant tells me that the laſt Summer he did buy him a horſe to take his pleaſure in the Country withall.

A Knight lay bed-rid and lame of all his limbs in the Kings Bench, in ſuch ſort as that he could not ſcarcely ſtir one finger, but his hands & fingers pulled on heaps, this Knight received ſix Pills which had ſo happy effect on him as at once untied and ſet him at liberty, he ſent for me, I did not make ſo much haſt to come at him as he deſired, my friend from whom he had the Pills, goes to viſit him, and he had took horſe and was gone about his buſineſs, thanks be alwayes given to God.

Alſo upon Tower-hill doth live another old man aged fourſcore and ſix years, who for ſome years lay bed rid and paſt hope, as to this world, this man with the uſe of my Pill doth now comfortably injoy himſelf, and ruleth over all his pains and Ailes, and doth riſe up and walk up and down the houſe and keep the fire ſide warm, and prevents his kindred of their expectations, to his great eaſe and comfort; to God alone who commands and it is done, be all praiſe and thankſgiving for ever more Amen.

In Coleman-ſtreet alſo liveth a very aged woman, who for a long time went to Fiſh-ſtreet to

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fetch ſewing work, and thorow much weakneſs made five or ſix reſtings by the way with very great pain and grief; in a little time making uſe of my Pills doth now go it with eaſe and without any ſtop or turn, for which the old woman doth return all hearty praiſe and thanks unto God. I ſolemnly proteſt that I do in my conſcience believe that I do receive more ſtrength and nouriſhment by a good Pill, then from the beſt meales meat that ever I eat in all my life, and therefore the madneſs of thoſe do appear which thorow their ignorance do charge my Pill with deſtroying Nature, but the beſt is, thoſe that ſo do, are ſuch as never took any of it, they may better be allowed to ſpend their verdict, both old and young that uſe it find the contrary by good experience; for I do not commend a thing in the air, or beyond Sea, but a thing that near or altogether one quarter of a pound is taken every night, and certain things concerning it may be attained; and I do wonder at the ſhameles ſlanders and forgeries of ſome, that one would think ſhould a little more reſpect their credit, but it is beſt for me to let them forge on till they are weary; I am perſwaded their lying is the way to make me thrive.

Sometime ſince I met a very good friend who was not well, I gave him ſix large Pills fit for his own taking, but they being all run into one by that time he came home, his wife made the ſix up into nine, and that night ſhe took ſix of the nine, regarding not rule or order that I had given and indeed any of the ſix had been a portion ſufficient

ſcient for her to take; this woman about twelve a clock in the night began to vomit and ſo continued till ten the next day; and much foul matter it brought from her, and after ſhe had gained reſt and received meat ſhe found her ſelf well and much eaſed of her oppreſſions; a while after I met her husband, who thanked me for working a wonderful cure upon his wife, I replied I negave her any thing, then he told me what his wife had done, and ſaid, that although he was afraid that ſhe had killed her ſelf, yet it proved very happily, for ſaid he, your Pills have not onely cured all the pains and illneſs of her body, but likewiſe they have cured all her ill conditions too, at which I and ſome friends with me fell a laughing; why ſaid he it is true, for before ſhe took your Pills ſhe was ſo apt to be angry and peeviſh, I could pleaſe her in nothing, but ſince ſhe took thoſe Pills, ſhe is the lovingeſt woman that may, and ſo pleaſant that I give you thanks for them for my wife, for I my ſelf took none of them; although this ſtory is matter of laughter to thoſe that heard it, and a Proverb unto this day, and it may be as ridiculous to you that read it, yet if you pleaſe to conſider that it is pain that oftentimes makes peeviſh, the eaſe of pain doth remove away ſuch peeviſhneſs.

A woman comes to me ſorely afflicted along time in all her limbs, and her torment was ſuch as is not to be credited; the woman I perceived was exceeding ſenſible, and in moſt greivous extremity cried out, I haſted and gave her of my

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Pills, ſhe comes the next day and did ſo load me with thanks and praiſe that my heart did ake within me, leaſt God ſhould be diſhonored; this poor woman giving ſo much to me.

A Lady of an honorable family in this Nation, was ſorely tormented all over her body accompanied with ſhaking of joynts, was held ſixteen weeks under no ſmall means, but to as ſmall effect, ſhe ſends for me in great haſte, ſhe deſired my help, I preſented her with ſuch things as I had, whereof my Pills was chief; the firſt Pill that ſhe took, took off her great pains, and when I came there about two dayes after, her pains was not onely gone, but her joynts lay as quietly together as my own did, for when I firſt took her by the hand, her bones did ſtart and tremble, as if they would never came near each other again; I ſay no more, God will requite every one according as his work ſhall be.

It alſo ſends forth by vomit or otherwiſe clods of blood, breaks inward Impoſthums to aſtoniſhment, and effectually eaſeth pains got by Surfeits, cold or bruiſes, whereby many ſecret and hidden griefs are cured which otherwiſe could not be diſcovered. A Plummers wife in Biſhopſgate-ſtreet, having five years before received ſome wrong in her delivery of two children, in which time of five years ſhe was ſorely afflicted with ſundry griefs and pains, and fits of falling and ſwounding, in ſo much that this woman was very weary of her life, and whatſoever means ſhe uſed it proved uneffectual to her, but her pains and griefs did ſtill increaſe upon her, and by accident I met with her husband at a

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friends houſe, who ſpeaking of his wives miſery withal ſaid, as poor as he was he would give ten pounds for his wifes help, I replied and aſked him if he would give ten groats: I gave him ſix Pills with him, and before they was ſpent ſhe ſent me word ſhe was in a new world, and that ſhe, for ought ſhe knew, was as well as ever ſhe was in all her life time, that the Pills thorow Gods bleſſing had fully freed her from her griefs, and that they did ſo handle her, that by vomit ſhe did bring up ſuch clods of blood, congealed matter, that ſhe was fain with her thumb and fingers to pull it out of her mouth; and further that they did ſend forth by Urin as ſtrange matter to great eaſe and comfort, although to her great wonder and aſtoniſhment, this woman remains in health to this day, and will not ſpare to give teſtimony hereunto, thanks be given to God.

Another woman being left for a dead woman, took one of my Pills which cauſed her to vomit up a pint of matter as if it came out of a ſore which no doubt but it did; ſhe ſent for an able Chyrurgeon to ſee it, who ſaid it was better in her baſon then in her breaſt; ſhe kept it two dayes for me to ſee it, but I ſaw it not; it pleaſeth God thus wonderfully to bleſs its uſe, for many grieved ſome years together and cannot tell what they ail, and all that they do adviſe with are in ſeveral tales concerning what they ail; this Pill when taken aſſaults it, and by the grace of God continuing with it, and if curable doth cure it.

A very old man upward of fourſcore, being very weak with looſing his blood at Urin, for above three years together, meets with my Pills, preſently found eaſe, & in a little time quite ſtopt his Urin of blood, but brought way by Urin abundance of Gravel and Skins like jaggs of paper, for ſometime; this man hath uſed my Pill for this three years unto his great comfort, and at this day is very hearty, chearful and in health, and his Urin clear as any other bodies, bleſſed be God which takes away youth and reneweth old age at his good pleaſure, and indeed it is wonderful to hear the happy tidings which people do bring us every day, and many who have affirmed to us that they ſold and pawned what they had, and ſpent it in ſeeking for help but in vain have here either for nothing or for a ſmall matter found cure, and doth fill our ears with the large acknowledgements of Gods good hand in bleſſing this Pill; and truely my ſpirit is much more refreſht to hear ſuch returns, although it be not a penny advantage unto memore then the receiving of mony where I have truely deſerved it, unto God alone I deſire with my whole heart may be aſcribed all praiſe and thanſgiving for all his wonderful mercies which he is pleaſed to ſhew unto the poor and needy who put their truſt in him.

Further more this Pill helpeth the French diſeaſes (commonly called the Pox or French Pox) if it be effectually uſed. Before I come to ſhew its effectual uſe as to this diſeaſe, I muſt crave leave to ſpeak a little, but tenderly to two or three ſorts of people, for

for ordinarily this diſeaſe comes not without abundance of wickedneſs, and I tremble to think of it, much leſs to ſet down his cure without proteſting one Gods behalf againſt thoſe accurſed ways that brings men into it, and indeed were it not for the ſakes of many good men and women whom I do judge in my conſcience to be chaſt, and are infected thorow the wickedneſs and unfaithfulneſs of their yoak fellows I durſt have ſaid nothing of it at all, and although theſe are but few in number comparatively, yet far be it from any honeſt mind to deny them help; *Solomon* in his Proverbs ſaith, *Stolen water is ſweet, and bread in ſecret is pleaſant*; but they conſider not that death is there, and that thoſe ſteps lead down to hell, and ſuch is the abhorring of my ſoul againſt this wickedneſs whereby this diſeaſe is for the moſt part gotten and come by, that it is a ſore fear leaſt I ſhould be a means to help any miſcreant to ſuddain cure, that is reſolved to perſevere in this abomination, and double his ſins againſt the God of mercies; and foraſmuch as the righetous judgements of God overtake the wicked plaguing them even in the force of their luſts; ſhall I be an inſtrument of their relief yet to ſin, God forbid it, but for thoſe that truely repent and ſhew it by a chaſt converſation, I ſhould think it a happineſs to be a healer, an eaſer of the pains and ſores of all ſuch; yea I profeſs my ſelf the ſervant of all ſuch; but as I ſaid Gods juſt ſeverity is moſt conſpicuous upon theſe who ſport, and as they imagin pleaſure themſelves, ſtriving to ſatisfie and fullfil (but in vain) their beaſtiality; and

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were they not left and given up of God unto a
sordid slavery unto the fullfilling the desires and
lusts of their concupisence bond slaves to hell and
the devil, they would easily discern they labor
altogether in vain; for can the ocean, the gulf or
grave, say it is enough, or what man laboring to
fulfil his desire is not ten times further off by being
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satisfied or filled; and so always is the quiver of a
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the grave ever craves give, give, and he that is
appointed to perdition is taken by her; the wise
King tells that a Whore is a deep pit, and the ab-
horrd of God do fall therein, a dreadful precipe,
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lasteth, and it is my hope to admonish by this
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gain shalt receive a spirituous body capable of
bearing and receiving a flood of wrath, and as
then thou hast received a body spirituous that
shall remain unto eternity, so will the vengeance
of God be powred out against all ungodliness;

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now thou haſt but a taſte, and yet O how thou roareſt out as thy limbs rot, but what is that to that ocean or expanſion of wrath prepared; let this awaken thee, if thou be not paſt feeling, to repentance, to break off I ſay thy ſins by true and timely repentance; God Almighty open thy eyes to ſee thy redoubled miſery, that ſo thou maiſt inquire after mercy, then the blood of Chriſt will be precious unto thee, but wo is upon us who are born in a giddy drunken age, drunk, but not with wine, and here alſo I cannot get forward, but muſt crave leave to trace this a little, and you will be ſenſible that it lies conſentrick with the former, and now I come to ſpeak unto a ſecond ſort of people, amongſt whom I believe there are many that have received in their ſouls the power of endleſs life; I ſpeak of thoſe that have ſhewed great zeal and forwardneſs in building Tabernacles for God to dwell in, who have poſted into Churches, and ruſhed upon all Ordinances, which things are good if performed with clean hands and pure hearts, but wo is me when I conſider the works of the unwary, the headdineſs and preſumptions of many, and in my time and obſervation within this twenty five years paſſed, having been an eye witneſs of the beginning, riſe, and fall of many; I cannot but ſpeak a word (although Gently) unto theſe, and am forced to ſpeak it aloud, becauſe I by woful experience have found them dull of hearing, for many amongſt them puffed up have miſerably faln into this pit, many of whom I fear have not yet repented, or if they have, yet bear

with me, it is not yet to me evident, sure I am this Pit is not for Saints to fall into, not many returns, *Although your way of returning is broad and easie*, yet I much fear not so with God, it were well if justice in this case went hand in hand with mercy, that those that sin not might be admonished and fear, which is one principal end of rejection, but these alas with ease find entrance, but not so with others in other cases less material, it were well if you were clean every whit, notwithstanding the feet must be washed, the iniquity of the heel strove against, many lift their head on high, and I pray God keep them from falling, it is a dangerous thing for men to make idols of Ordinances, to put more in the dipping of water then in the regenerating of the Spirit, there is a golden mine, he is happy that finds it and walks therein, there is a promised spirit to direct when we turn to the right hand, and when we turn unto the left, to too many neglect or dispise visible Ordinances, and too many plant their Religion in them, and in divers forms will prepare Tabernacles for the God of Israel, but unto us there is but one God, and one rule of righteousnesse, men will at all rates have a covering, but the woe belongs to them that cover not by and with his spirit, let me in much soberneſſe inquire of you, and it would be a joyful time if indeed you would consider whether your rash and hasty zeal running upon Ordinances not spirited from on high, have not been an occasion of stumbling and of falling unto many, for having no sealing presence, but rather a barrenneſſe which from thence

as in your hands may be called presumptious; I say this discovers that men seeing no beauty to enliven them, faint; How many have you with sighs complaining that they are filled with deadness in your assembling, but at home when they exercise their meditations on the riches of free mercy in Christ, then filled with consolation.

You may note, that at this time and in this place I would say no more then to awaken you to consider how you have been an occasion of stumbling to many from the aforesaid grounds, I freely spare you, coveting rather to cover then to discover; neither would I charge all for the faults of some, but this I must say, it is like to go ill when the ruling spirit is the spirit of this world, when the whole head is sick and the heart heavy; what should I say to make you hear and yet cover you all over with love, the most high cover you when he maketh inquisition for blood, when his dead body shall live, when his righteousness shall arise, when he hath purged *Jerusalem* with the spirit of fire, and with the spirit of burning, then will he be a defence upon all your glory, and not till then, but evident it is your glory he stains, neither is he any defence upon it; an account must be given who required these things at your hands, when many shall say we have done these and these things in thy name, it will be said, I know you not, it will be then wo unto the sinners in *Sion*, fear shall surprize the hypocrite, that generation of men at this time will be to seek which say stand further of I am more holy then thou; those I speak of which are pure in their

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red of them there) and shrowd under a cloak of Religion, gain being to them godliness; Mark by how much these approach or do essay to come up unto the Primitive pattern, assure thy self so much the more will the severity of the highest be revealed against thee, whose fiery eyes of beauty and glory will not bare thy hypocrisie, remember *Ananias* and *Saphira*; therefore I have observed well what hath brought people to desire to get into this or that fellowship, whether to serve as Christ did, or to be served, to perform their own duty in humility, or onely clamor upon their priviledge, for you shall perceive quickly who sent them thither. O how forward these will be, apt of tongue, confident in opinion and fears, sensorious, and this lasteth a very little while and by and by he is beyond them, and now he is beyond the Scripture it self, and will have it no judge of his spirit, but will judge it by his spirit; have I not seen these fall off by companies, what then think not thou that I speak against the commandments and Ordinances of the new testament (I had rather my tongue should be for ever cut out of my mouth) or against the Christian and conscionable administring the same; but this is to shew how they have been and may be abused, in doing of which a most accursed gender of hell is born into the world, which otherwise could not be, and I am constrained to unvail as wisely as God inables me this mistery of iniquity, that you whom it concerns may beware, and if the glory of God nor eternal salvation will not prevail, yet that long life and health of body may prevail with

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general tenet of all destruction, viz. that the Scripture was a dead letter, this man with the rest of his accomplices was soon inspired from the King of pride, that they had in themselves the spirit whereby they knew all things, and judge all things, and also the Scriptures themselves, so that now their spirit shall not be judged by the text, but shall judge the text, this infallible man was restless, and quickly threw of all duties both publike and private, for a season they must not speak till their spirit moved them, but their spirit soon moved them to make use of, and abound in their pure or rather impure liberty, that is to glut and satisfie themselves in uncleanness; this wretch being strong held out sometime, but abusing himself in all blaspheamies, riot and excess, in due time the rot or the Pox over-took them, but I speak of this one man, his torments grew strong upon him, and to me of all men he would not come or send, what he used as means was to weak; and thus for a long time he lived blaspheaming God and roaring out of his torment, at last he and his wife using the mediation of another sent to me, I could not deny her things for her mony, he was then past coming himself; she said his heart was as whole and as sound as ever, and that he would eat as good a meals meat as ever, and digest it as well, but except he had one of my Pills in his belly, he did lie rocking his limbs and roaring out of his intollerable pain, and the next week as she came to me this Strumpet with impudence, said she should dye of no disease but the Pox; and her friend that came with her told me that as this man was

Sitting by himself, his nose fell of from his face with mear rottenness; I conclude with most serious admiration of Gods righteous judgements upon these who in the prime of their days are taken a way, and are gone unto their own place for ever to receive the fruit of their doings, and that which doth much heighten my astonishment, is that the highest doth so wonderfully punish this wickedness in this life, that they live some years in bitter torment, and yet hearty and stout while they rot away by pieces, their vitals and senses quick, as I may say, as prepared of God to suffer abundance of pains while in this world, and before I come to give you the way of cure of this ugly disease, I must crave leave to speak this third sort of people commonly called Ranters, for so they are, and these are of two sorts, the one like unto this that I have named, and the other which is the worse and more dangerous, hold yet in appearance somewhat of preaching and prayer, and would be thought to excel all others in spirituals; I say these are the worse, for by how much the more any thing that indeed is evil and doth hide it self under the cloak or mantle of Religion, it is so much the more dangerous and pernicious, most apt to leaven and delude the simple minds, till they also by a smoth Satanical subtilty are drawn in and become hardened, and then the high Rant or black devil doth not all affright them, being before hand prepared and spirited there unto, for the high Rant counts all illegitimate that cannot range in the depth of all abomination, swear, drunk, whore out of measure, yea study to excel in execrations and blasphemy, and

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do all this without the leaſt remorce or ſign of remorce, but this other ſort for their credit ſake, and alſo becauſe of encreaſe of their advantage in their Callings, and alſo preferments in the Commonwealth, will not avow this plainneſs, yet do account it their pure liberty, and that is there pure liberty for all of them to live holding community of women, and all to abide in their pure Adamical freedoms, pleaſing themſelves in all things, and ſome of theſe to my own knowledge who both ſpeak, & hold, & practice (except they belye themſelves) are of their forwardeſt and I think their eminenteſt Preachers, which would ſeem to thoſe that hear him as if he were caught up into the holy mount, accounting themſelves above all Ordinances, theſe ſurely are the worſt ſort of men that ever breathed upon the face of the earth, for theſe have not onely been hoiſed up on the higheſt pinacle of the Temple, but are miſerably thrown down unto hell, in their own imaginary they are far higher then the higheſt pinacle, conceiving themſelves far above all inſtituted Ordinances, and do bitterly hate, diſpiſe, and perſecute all thoſe that do in the fear of God practice, walk, and live in them with a manifeſt wrath, which is indeed a manifeſt token of their perdition, for many of them have in their own guiddy headed and unſtable minds run thorow all Religions that they might both hate and perſecute all; the God of mercy put into the hearts of our Rulers to preſerve us from the rage and fury of theſe whom the Apoſtles of Chriſt, *Peter*, and *Jude* doth moſt lively ſet out in their proper col-

colours, and yet these would not be accounted to be Ranters, although as is said seven fold worse, I will hear give a true relation of some passages concerning one of their chief teachers.

A good woman whose husband is at *Barbadoes*, having occasion of business concerning trade in behalf of her husband, was desired to except of half a pint of wine, this good woman looking upon him to be eminent in godliness, and her self at that time stood need of refreshing, went to the Tavern with him, by and by he changed his behaviour, and shewed himself what he was, and by his light scurrilous language, declared himself to be what he is, and in plain words and deeds would needs have been abusing her body, and many arguments he used to draw her thereunto, as I have them from her mouth, that she was sick for want of a man, and why would she not use her liberty; and for his part he knew if his wife looked on, she would not be offended with it; nay further that it was his salvation that he had done it, his wife looking on, and that if he had not used his liberty, his purer liberty, as he called it, it had been dead long ago, and named other persons, some of great quality, that husband and wife gave each other liberty, and with his might invyed against Ordinances, and refusing him in his filthiness, he called her whore, and much to that purpose, for submitting herself to forms, as he called them; the relation of his beastilness expressed by him, I was ashamed to hear and cannot write, but he highly commended the beastly openness and nakedness of the

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Moors and Heathen in the Indies that they was without ſhame, he eſteemed it a high vertue which did excell us here; and ſpeaking of the Quakers, he ſaid that he knew them very well, and that he did know that their principals and theirs were one and the ſame, and that the moſt ſtricteſt of them would ſoon come up and live in the pure liberty as well as they (I think what he ſaith in this may well be granted, as was moſt evidently ſeen in *James Nailor*, and the pack of whores that always hung on him; I my ſelf being at *Nottingham* did ſit almoſt a Summer afternoon, hearing ſome of their own company relate the vicious and filthy life, and unclean converſation of *George Fox*, whoſe whoredoms and filthy life is notoriouſly known in the North of *England*.) but to return unto this praying or prating Rantor this filthy man or man of filthineſs without ſhame after God had delivered this woman out of his hand, was ſet on again and again by him, and when he ſaw that he could not draw her unto his filthy luſt, then inquired if ſhe had told any body, but if ſhe had, yet it was not matter of ſhame unto him, and indeed I think I ſhould have done good ſervice to the Commonwealth, if I had here named him, its pitty all ſuch hath not a brand on their forehead that they may be known who they belong unto; I ſpeak with grief of heart I have known this Varlet the worſt of men, I ſay I have known him a giddy profeſſor of Religion above this twenty years, and I have heard him my ſelf when we have been ſpeaking of the Scripture, for he asked me ſeriouſly if I did uſe to

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read them, I told him yea with joy and gladneſs and they were to me more then my life, he replied, ſo could not he, neither did he read any book, he hearkened onely to the voice of the ſpirit within him, and that while he made conſcience of reading and expounding of Scripture and of family duty, and going to hear Sermons and repeat them, he all that time was without peace, but now he had not for ſome years done any of thoſe things and that he was at reſt in himſelf. I have in all this ſpoke the leaſt of this vile perſon, and you may by him truely take a view of the reſt that fraternity what they are, and where they will Center, and in what; I hope this relation will be matter of caution to many, not always to credit or be too apt to give heed unto the ſmoth deluſive tongues of men, theſe ſtudy to obtain hardneſs of heart, impudency of face that they might commit wickedneſs with greedineſs; and therefore do deride at the torments of hell, nay one of this company hath put out a book in print, wherein he doth a vow there is no hell but what is in a mans ſelf, ſo that indeed by their doctrines, if they can but ſtifle their own conſciences, they have freedom, and ſin is no ſin, for ſo they affirm; my ſoul is pained within me when I think of theſe, and of the juſt vengeance prepared of God for theſe which doth withhold the truth by their unrighteouſneſs; O wretched and moſt miſerable of mankind! How is it that Satan hath thus filled your hearts, and the filth of your fleſh thus deluded you, you begun well, who hath hurt you, what hath Jeſus Chriſt and his Goſpel

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of peace done unto you; How is it that you will be made perfect in the flesh? What good things have you found in your selves, that comparing your selves with your selves, you now worship your selves, nay your accursed lusts and beastlineſs; how imaginable is it that man indued with common reason should thus be seduced; I know there is not one of you but do feel the flashings of fire in your consciences; what will you do when you shall appear with your works following after you? when God that cannot lye will set your sins in order before your face; I know you labor to stifle such thoughts as these, O beast of men! O most devilish whilst men! How is your vengeance hightening? have you professed the fear of God many of you to end in this accursed Apostacy, for whom the blackneſs of darkneſs is reserved for ever? O that there were thoughts of returning in you! hell beneath hath enlarged her self to receive and meet you at your coming. O miscreant of man, how long dost thou think to wallow in thy lusts, serving evil concupiſence, drinking iniquity like water made fat for slaughter? I aske whether these be not they for whom supplication is not to be made? Alas, alas my heart bleedeth within me when I consider that some of you have not onely professed the name of Christ long, but also suffered both imprisonment and fled into far Countries out of a zeal for his name, and now have spewd up all at once, and returned unto your old lusts (from which you were purged) as a dogg unto his vomit, or a sow that was washed unto

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her wallowing in the mire, receiving the just recompence of your error, viz. seven helliſh ſpirits far more worſe then the firſt, that you might fall into the damnation of hell and be damned together, even the condemnation of the devil, be not deceived, God is not mocked, as a man ſoweth ſo ſhall he reap; and of theſe I ſpeak aloud expecting nothing but plague and pox to follow them, the reward of their labor, I know it boiles amongſt them already.

I know ſome will wonder why I have ſpoken ſo much of theſe, and of this diſeaſe; and why I have ſpoken unto good people with theſe, therefore this thou maiſt know. Firſt, I ſpeak unto all men and all ſorts, and ranks of men to admoniſh them all. Secondly, a clean heart is not hurt nor will be offended at any thing I have ſaid. And thirdly, I could not break this order with the diſcharge of my conſcience. And fourthly, without this that I have ſaid both in whole and in part I darſt not give thee the true and clear way of cure of this deteſtable diſeaſe, and all roots from this ground the difference twixt this diſeaſe and moſt other this with abundance of wickedneſs and ſin; firſt againſt God; ſecondly againſt thy one body which ought to be the Temple of God, preſerved in holineſs unto him, and not given to a harlot; thirdly againſt thy relations, who hath power over thy body, but other diſeaſes which are common to man, proceed from ſundry other cauſes which is not in themſelves ſinful, and for theſe cauſes I have thus ſpoken, and hope thereby to be an inſtrument in the hand of God to

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pull ſome poor ſoul or other out of the fire; and indeed as I ſaid at firſt had it not been for the ſakes of ſome who are clean but beſtowed with ſome ſuch beaſt or bruit of mankind which hath polluted them, I ſhould have ſaid nothing of this diſeaſe at all; but I do judge it much better that many of the worſt partake of the bleſſing with the beſt, then that one of the beſt ſhould languiſh in the torture of the firſt, and therefore I do ſet down the moſt ſaſeſt way, ſpeedieſt, cheapeſt and freeſt of pain and torture, I verily believe that is in the world.

Rec. Take two ounce of my Pill, and lay it thin upon a well glazed diſh, ſet it out of the Sun and it will quickly be fit to bring to powder, drive it thorow a Lawn or Hair ſive, put this powder into one quart of White-wine, or that which is better, *viz.* make a Lixivium or ſtronge lye of *Chalkes Vive*, or White-wine, for this is moſt ſtately and operates very potently both by ſweat and Urin, as is much proved every day, and is although diſpiſed, a great bleſſing; and moreover I aſſure thee from knowledge is chief with ſome as univerſal, who have a vulgar fame in Phyſick; uſe which thou wilt I do by experience commend this laſt to excel, let this be done in a glaſs bottle, ſhake it oft, and in twenty four hours it will be fit to uſe but longer is better, diſpoſe thy ſelf a part if thou wouldſt ſuddainly be well, and thy illneſs require thee, and have warm accomodation, and a good tender and careful Nurſe, eat and drink the beſt that can be got for mony, and always have ready good

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day after the taking the first Pill, there was no drop of water as formerly, at which the parents did much wonder, and the boy grew extream quick and lively in what ever he did, that they was very sensible of his real benefit.

Another Boy lame of his Limbs and Feet from a child, so that he could not go to stool nor hold a pen in his hand, and by that time he had taken three of my Pills, he was grown so strong that he ran up a pair of stairs before me, and I made him hold a Tobaco-pipe in form of a pen, and he then held it as stedily as I or any in the room could do, which indeed was far more then was to have been expected in so short a time.

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An old man belonging unto the Charterhouse many years troubled with Tisick, straightness of breath, that with great difficulty he went about, also one arm begun to shrink and grow stiff, so that he could not make use of his pocket as formerly he had done, with a little use of my Pill did receive his breath at length and his Arm at length also; and as he and I was going together along the walk before the Charterhouse, said he to me, look you how I go, and what pace I go, I could not have done so before I took your Pills, but I must have stood and gaped like a Camelion for breath, I do not know how oft in going the length of this walk.

A vertuous Gentlewoman of good note, and my

my very good friend, whom it hath pleaſed God to viſit with much ſickneſs for a great many years, and now lately it fell out to be very ſore in her head; this Gentlewoman having made uſe of the ableſt Doctors, but her grief could not be helpt, in ſo much that this good woman almoſt in a diſpair, did much fear her ſenſes, and all that could be done could not bring her head to purge untill ſhe met with my Pills, which did moſt powerfully accompliſh her deſire, and did ſet her head a purging at her ear, and ſhortly, very ſweetly cured it to her exceeding great joy and comfort, with the joy of her family.

A Gentlewoman that liveth at *Weſtminſter*, that well knew the uſe and worth of my Pills, went with ſome other Gentlewomen to *Barnet*, where ſhe drank water in abundance but without judgment, ſhe preſently fell into a extream ſcowring, ſhe ſends with what haſt could be to me for half an ounce of my Pills, the uſe and vertue of which ſhe very well knew, but before they could come at her ſhe was far ſpent and had entertained a Doctor, whoſe advice ſhe was forced to follow, ſuch was her weakneſs of a ſuddain; but ſo it was that this luſty young Gentlewoman in a matter of ſix or ſeven days was brought home in a Horſ-litter hard put to it for life; this Gentlewoman lay under the Doctors hands for two months, and was brought unto ſuch extream weakneſs as is not fit for me to relate, nothing but death expected all this while, my Pills was too low for them, and the Gentlewoman had abundance of other

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A little boy having four of his fingers cut off of that disease called the Kings Evil, this boy at the place where his fingers was cut off, did alwayes stand with a drop of water upon them, but next

day after the taking the first Pill, there was no drop of water as formerly, at which the parents did much wonder, and the boy grew extream quick and lively in what ever he did, that they was very sensible of his real benefit.

Another Boy lame of his Limbs and Feet from a child, so that he could not go to stool nor hold a pen in his hand, and by that time he had taken three of my Pills, he was grown so strong that he ran up a pair of stairs before me, and I made him hold a Tobaco-pipe in form of a pen, and he then held it as stedily as I or any in the room could do, which indeed was far more then was to have been expected in so short a time.

And many that have been troubled with one arme shorter then another; and with great pains in particular joynts, this Pill thorow Gods goodness have proved ready help unto them.

An old man belonging unto the Charterhouse many years troubled with Tisick, straightness of breath, that with great difficulty he went about, also one arm begun to shrink and grow stiff, so that he could not make use of his pocket as formerly he had done, with a little use of my Pill did receive his breath at length and his Arm at length also; and as he and I was going together along the walk before the Charterhouse, said he to me, look you how I go, and what pace I go, I could not have done so before I took your Pills, but I must have stood and gaped like a Camelion for breath, I do not know how oft in going the length of this walk.

A vertuous Gentlewoman of good note, and my

my very good friend, whom it hath pleaſed God to viſit with much ſickneſs for a great many years, and now lately it fell out to be very ſore in her head; this Gentlewoman having made uſe of the ableſt Doctors, but her grief could not be helpt, in ſo much that this good woman almoſt in a diſpair, did much fear her ſenſes, and all that could be done could not bring her head to purge untill ſhe met with my Pills, which did moſt powerfully accompliſh her deſire, and did ſet her head a purging at her ear, and ſhortly, very ſweetly cured it to her exceeding great joy and comfort, with the joy of her family.

A Gentlewoman that liveth at *Weſtminſter*, that well knew the uſe and worth of my Pills, went with ſome other Gentlewomen to *Barnet*, where ſhe drank water in abundance but without judgment, ſhe preſently fell into a extream ſcowring, ſhe ſends with what haſt could be to me for half an ounce of my Pills, the uſe and vertue of which ſhe very well knew, but before they could come at her ſhe was far ſpent and had entertained a Doctor, whoſe advice ſhe was forced to follow, ſuch was her weakneſs of a ſuddain; but ſo it was that this luſty young Gentlewoman in a matter of ſix or ſeven days was brought home in a Horſ-litter hard put to it for life; this Gentlewoman lay under the Doctors hands for two months, and was brought unto ſuch extream weakneſs as is not fit for me to relate, nothing but death expected all this while, my Pills was too low for them, and the Gentlewoman had abundance of other

things forced on her, but in vain; at last she beseeched her husband if he loved her to send for me, otherwise she was a dead woman, pleading her conformity to him in using all the while what means he and their friends thought good; this Gentleman being touched with pitty to her, at her request sends a letter to the Tower, but I was in the Country, and he straight sends a letter unto *Wansor*, where I was, and I not hearing any thing from the time her messenger came unto me from *Barnet*, much wondered that she should suffer so long sickness, and I not hear thereof; at my coming she was glad, and I was much surprised to see so stout and lusty a woman so strangely reduced to nothing, in so much as had it not been that I was sent for in her name, I could not have known her, I took with me Pills and Antidote, I gave her two spoonfuls of my Antidote, which did answer my expectation, for it put her into a breathing sweat, and also she slept a matter of four hours I stirred not my foot till thorow the blessing of God, I had very good signs of her recovery, but when I saw the surly behaviour of all, as well the servants as kindred thorow the whole family I did not wonder I was not called sooner; the Gentleman himself I never saw all the time of the cure; the gentlewoman could trust no creature with my things, I was fain to give with my own hands as much as possibly my business would permit, till the Gentlewoman got strength and kept the Pills alwayes about her and and had regard to her self; it was an unusal time before this Gentlewoman could get abroad, the

reaſon all may diſcern, was the withholding from her that which did her good; and in ſtead of it give her that which did no good, and being of a good nature, in this caſe proved to her great hurt; but bleſſed be God ſhe ſoon did attain health, and ſo remains uſing my Piſls now and then to keep her in health as ſhe has occaſion.

For Small Pox which generally doth light on children and young people, this I ſay upon good experience that my Pill is alw ays good and profitable whenſoever it is taken at any time of the diſeaſe, either in the beginning of them, or the middle of them, or the latter end of them, it can never be taken a miſs except you give ſuch a doſſe as is not proper for them that take it, for it always ſtrengthens the vital ſpirits, cleanſeth the blood and fortifies the heart, and if the ſmall Pox be ſtruck in again, this Pill doth forthwith throw them out again, with great ſafety, as we have much experience hereof, but if it be taken before they appear, that nature be able, it will relieve them by working the Surfeit out by vomit, or by ſiege, or ſweat, or Urin, all the ways that nature hath to friend, but if the Surfeit have got ſtrength enough that they cannot be prevented, then doth it throw them out in a moſt gallant eaſie manner, ſo that the patient being freed of all Feavoriſh ſymptomes, and alwayes lying in a breathing ſweat, is ſo ſweetly diſpoſed, as he doth hardly fail of a meals meat all the time he hath them upon him, but ſuddainly will recover with great ſtrength and freedom.

A luſty young man having got many Surfeits

one upon another, felt himself not well for two or three dayes together, but not knowing what sicknes was, would not yield unto it while he was able to hold up his head, and being in my company much complained how ill he was, and that he doubted he should be able to hold up his head no longer, I gave him presently a little Pill about four grains, which now he is well one six fold so big would hardly stir him, but as soon as it was well down his throat, he fell into a vomiting with extream violence, I could tell him his breast was full of poison, but what was the matter further with him I did not know, for the present he had some ease after his vomiting; I gave him a Pill at least 18 grains to take when he went to bed, which he did, and that in like sort set him a vomiting most of that night and most of the next day; it also purged his gall of divers collours, but the woman where he lay would let him take no more; the two that I left for him she threw them in the fire, and cries out against my Pills for making him sick; but that night the Small Pox appeared all over his skin, and being over-ruled was not so happy as to continue with my Pills which had drove them from his heart into his skin, and for want of more the disease grew extream upon him, and he all over covered with them and in flux extreamly, and was for a time stark distracted and talked idle of he knew not what; they imployed two called Doctors but to no purpose, indeed it was beyond all mens judgement that he did escape with life; but as soon as he was master of himself, he called for more of my Pills which he had, but did not vomit any more, he saith, and I believe

lieve will say while he liveth, that nothing that ever he took did him any good but my Pills which did free his heart of them, and as means did save his life, which is undoubtedly true, and I am confident if they had been given to seconded that which I did give him his sickness would not have been above the tenth of what it was, for such is our experience that if it cannot altogether prevent them, yet it doth so dispose them that they are not like the disease, for some that in reason would have been as bad as any, yet by their constant and thorow use of my Pills all the time of their being ill have hardly missed one meals meat, but quickly with strength and vigor have been restored.

It helpeth the shaking and trembling of the joynts, strengtheneth the brains and increaseth memory. I have already spoke enough of the Palsie or shaking of the joynts, & for strengthening of the brain and memory, I say, I am thorow Gods rich mercy and goodness a living monument and testimony of its true vertue, power and effect, for they are at this day far better then when I was but seventeen yeers old, and my sight as good as ever since I had them for any thing I can perceive, and that is as good as any I think in the world, and although there is a sleepiness or dullness the next day in many that takes it, which is not used to it, they find it seldom so the third day, but instead of heaviness, all for the most part do finde a wonderful lightness of heart and chearfulness of body all over, that they think themselves as if they were in a new world, and yet it must be gran-

granted that if any ones grief lies in their head, that then it will be nimble and accute both to ſearch it out and help it if it pleaſe God to permit, for it is evident it works moſt where moſt cauſe is; many again doth find it fully to anſwer their expectation, and yet never find it to work in their heads at all, although they have taken it in great quantity, and let one thouſand take it, and they will all tell of ſeveral effects as every one differs in one kind or other; alſo their ailes and their different judgements upon thoſe ailes, for very well we know let all ſpeak and judge as they will, that the whole of it to all intents and purpoſes in all the operations of it, is to ſtrengthen and fortifie nature from head to heel, and many which have and do take much of it have confidently ſuppoſed, that I have not made it ſo good at one time as at another, becauſe they find oft times contrary effects and operations, as ſometimes to be dry, and ſometimes not, and ſometimes ſweat much, and ſometimes not at all, and ſometimes break wind much, and ſometimes not at all; and ſo in many other caſes it is indeed daily evidenced, for as is ſaid as a mans ailes is ſo will it work, it is they that alter, the Pill is the ſame. Note, therefore that you may know I cannot make ſuch alterations in the making of it, becauſe I do give none but what took his beginning three years and upward ago, yet I muſt confeſs it is wonderful to obſerve that ſometimes it will have a double effect to what it will have at another time, as in caſes of colds and Surfeits and the like, or ſome evil quality is gotten

in the ſtomach, it will abide no ſuch thing but will aſſault that that aſſaults nature what ever it be.

Revives and comforts the heart. The like reviver I think for a creature of God, I do from my heart believe, and by experience I find (as much occaſion as I have had in the world) the world never injoyed the like with it; and let me now bleſs and praiſe the moſt high, who onely beareth rule in heaven above and in the earth beneath; the time has been, and that a long and tedious time to me many yeers together, I have been ſo oppreſſed and loaden with pains and feebleneſs of heart, as if I always carried a quarter of an hundred weight perpetually in my cheſt or breſt, and I went alwayes as if loaden, that it hath made me make a wrinkled face to ſtir out of my way to give place either to horſe or Cart, as for men I always would be ſure to give them room enough; I ever going with pain and anguiſh, and full of ſighing; and truely although I was poor, yet was I then filled with ſuch pain as I ſhould have hardhave ſtooped to have took up a penny; but now thorow mercy (that which is true will hardly be credited) I find my ſelf ſet at liberty, that to my own feeling I do not weigh upon my ſhoos, as I go up and down, not one ounce, my heart is ſo light, freed from all oppreſſion, my body ſo clean and nimble; and whereas I was grown ſtiff, that I did ſenſibly perceive that thorow much weakneſs I began to ſtride ſhort; now my leggs are at liberty, that to my thinking I can never tread wide enough, and at this inſtant of writing, I took

took my right foot in my right hand, and did lift my heel to my mouth without the help of the other hand, and all over my whole man without any exception; God by this Pill hath thus renewed me, I do with joy and laughter give my enemies leave to charm againſt my Pill, what is ſpoke is no fable, it is apparently diſcernable, eſpecially of all thoſe that in times paſt did know me, and many with me, who with weakneſs and old age have ſtrided ſhort and narrow, their ſilver cords as it were tyed together, ſo that they ſtride little, and that with ſtagering, have received their leggs again with the uſe of this Pill, and are amongſt us which bear teſtimony, who themſelves are fetcht off their languiſhing beds and injoy their limbs with comfort.

In women it brings them to due Courſes, whether they want or abound. So is our experience for the moſt part, and this may be eaſily diſcerned for opening all obſtructions.

One maid of about twenty eight years of age, being obſtructed about five or ſix years, in ſo much as ſhe grew very diſeaſed and troubled with ſtrange fits, and one of her leggs grew as bigg as three leggs, and did alſo break and run; this maid was weary of her life, her racking pains was ſuch, as ſhe did roar out in ſuch hideous manner as was ſore oppreſſive unto her friends, help ſhe could get none; ſhe meets with my Pills and over charging her ſelf, threw them away as being afraid of them, that which ſhe had taken working a little higher then ſhe would have had it; about a yeer after ſhe comes to me with her

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ſiſter, & makes lamentable complaint, and ſhewed me her legg with ſtinking Ulcers in it; ſhe followed my Pill with more diſcretion then at firſt, it was not above a month, but it freed her of all her fits, brought her into an orderly and monthly Flux, took down her legg and made it no bigger then the other, and healed the Ulcers; ſhe injoyed ſo much health as ſhe marries a huſband, and lived comfortably with him, and buried him, and married another; all this to my knowledge, and what is become of her now I know not: theſe confirmations I do not want, neither do I wiſh any man more harm to himſelf, then to think ſo ill of my Pill as not to uſe it in his need; but for me, the maſter that I have always ſerved hath confirmed his mercy in bleſſing it to me and to many; unto him alone be all the praiſe and honor for ever Amen.

It is preſent help for any Flux or Scowring of blood, or otherwiſe, and ſtops them incontenantly. Although it be the Gomorha, or running of the Reins, or iſſue of blood, either at Urin or at Fundament, or any other Flux or Scowring, it is the moſt ſovereign help I think in the world, for if need be, it will as well purge as binde, and is frequently proved, but it will over-rule the grief and ſtop it by degrees as may be for the patients advantage; and if this Pill be laid open upon a well glazed diſh, and dried and mixed in conſerve of red Roſes, it is very proper on this occaſion, and this hath helped when *Crocus Martis* would do nothing, nor the Sugar of *Saturn*, all which are as forcible, almoſt as art, I have proved it, for if

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these have stopped, they have thrown the patient into intollerable pains and rackings, beside feaver but this so pleasantly, so gently and sweetly that it is the desire and joy of the patient to have a Pill in his belly.

A lusty man a Trumpeter, who had been at the East Indies, brought such a Flux home with him, that could not be staid by what means soever could be used to that end, and his weakness is not to be credited & yet live, and after he came home in this condition it was one year and a half or two years before he applied himself unto my Pill, and although his constant manner was to purge six or eight times in the night, the first Pill stopped him and eased him, and that in a wonderful manner; I shall not want the benefit of this mans prayers while he and I do live together; and as is said my Pill did not violently stop him, but by degrees naturally, and when thorow impatience he had got some violent astringer as those above, he was all torn in his limbs and glad to take my Pill to withstand their force; but because this fiery Accrimony had cut asunder all retention thorow length of time, his water for the most part going that way; I for my part did dispaire of his cure, for he would even affrighted one to behold him, yet it hath pleased God to be so favorable unto this poor man, as that he is now in health, and doth sound a Trumpet in Colonel *Riches* Regiment, and who list to speak with him shall hear much more then I have said, to Gods glory and your wonder, whether friend or enemy. I see the blessing, of God which he hath afforded unto

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poor people, for they will come and ask and find help; this is Gods bleſſing, the rich oft aſk and pay large, and go without help, this is a ſore evil under the Sun: ſome cries out againſt it as a great binder or ſhutter up of their bodies, if it be ſo to any, I am ſure it is to their great benefit, in taking off from them windineſs, alſo Feavoriſhneſs, or thoſe other diſtempers they take them for, I am alſo ſure that there is not one in a hundred, but that although it doth bind them a little at the beginning, but that they find it to purge at at thelatter end; I do grant ſome bodies to be drier then other, and for theſe when they have a neceſſity to uſe it by reaſon of weakneſs, let them uſe it with Sirrope of Roſes, in ſuch quantity as doth make it friendly with them, or that which is for ſome better, take equal parts of Scamony called Diagredium, or make it ſo as to ſuit their conſtitutions, but my advice is in this matter not to do it but with good advice, and that there do appear an apparent neceſſity for it, it will frequently aſtring for three, four or five days, and afterwards keep you looſe while you take it, if the cauſe continue for which you take it, you may thus deal with it, otherwiſe if you have need of it in its ſtrength, then ſuffer it to follow its own law, and you will not repent your ſelf, be of what temper you will; there are ſome ſuch whom it hath purged the moſt of all, which otherwiſe have been moſt aſtringent; no man knoweth how it will work with him till he have proved it; I my ſelf have gone four or five days without any ſtool, and have wondred what

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would become of all I have put into my belly, for I did eat my meat all that time as heartily as ever I did in my life, and was as well indeed, I may say in a new world, for it was at first when I took it, and all that time I did break wind freely, neither had I the least fumes or swelling, or any thing like unto oppression, nor any heat which made me wonder, and indeed may, for it is much against common experience; nay further all that four or five days I could have laid my belly to my back, so free was I from any kind of swelling, then at four or five days end (I confess I have forgot whether) all went in a light stool, which did lye above like a Cork, and after that it did ever bring me belly to an orderly course once every day, and rather purgative, and so I remain with much health thorow the blessing of of God, and can make my self purge when I will with pleasure, but I dare not purge, all is well, I have no need, this Pill alwayes doth, as I may say, watch over me, and oft doth find matter sometimes to purge by siege, and sometimes by Urin, and sometimes by sweat; I do observe these changes, but the reason and cause of it I do not understand; I know my Pill is the same, but change of all things with me, doth sometimes work a change in my Pills operation; it is for the most part a constant rule with my Pill to purge men or women of gross corpulent bodies, but people of spare and thin bodies not so; if any by good experience do find that it doth bind them, and that also they find that that binding is indeed hurtful above that which is imaginary, for I know many complain

for no cauſe, but that their cuſtom is broke, and that it doth not follow the order as they would have it, but I ſay if it do indeed in this caſe offend, a gliſter then may be neceſſary for them, onely this you muſt obſerve either in gliſter or in purging Phyſick, to keep as far off the taking of the Pill as you can, leaſt it ſhould not ſuffer the portion to work, that is, take the purging Phyſick at leaſt two or three dayes after the Pill is taken, or elſe you may expect that that portion will not work, for you muſt know that the purging quality in the portion is from a poiſonous quality, otherwiſe it could not purge, and that quality my Pill doth ſo perfectly correct, as you may expect it do nothing, but I do much rather wiſh you if there be cauſe indeed, then to uſe a ſafe gliſter of milk from the Cow and Sugar onely which will produce no evil effects; you may note that as its correction is leſs, ſo its force is leſs, therefore if you with the Pill add a purger, as Scamony or Sirrop of Roſes, or ſome other, it may be it may ſute your body, and all this diſcourſe is to pleaſe thee as it were a ſingle perſon and is indued with goodwill and hath need of it; but I do certainly know the poiſe of nature is moſt happy and bleſſed for man, for the generality of them, and therfore cannot be altered, and if thou didſt know it, as it may be hereafter thou maiſt, thou wilt ſee nothing in it can be wanting, and alſo that additions would be vain, yet for thy ſake I have ſpoken, if it ſo fall out that the diſpoſition of thy body ſhould ſo far differ from others; I obſerve the general opinion of all, that is, if they be not

in good order as you call it, then do they cry out of fumes, and it may be pains in their head, and I grant that usually it is so where this Pill is not, but I assure you where this Pill is, is the clean contrary, for although they go not to stool for six or eight days, yet all that time there is no vapors nor fumes not in one of an hundred; I confess if any will strive thorow ill decorum towards themselves and tempt God, it is just these should be answered accordingly; it is further for these to note, that if they take this Pill and let it come to powder out of the Sun, as that it will soon be, and then beat it to fine powder, and infuse it in White-wine, and so drink the extract of it, that then it doth not astring the half as it doth when you take the Terra with it, & you will also find it more spirituous in effect; such as have no need of it, may at a cheap rate let it alone: But again, those that have need of it, had best be well advised how they neglect it for small and impertinent matters; we have experience enough of its just power to be both to bind and to loose according unto natures law; thou that snuffleest at it because thou hast took two or it may be but one, it may be by fits more, do thou know if thou wilt use it and grow friendly with it, thou wilt find a contrary effect in its working, for it will now binde and by and by purge.

It strengthens and openeth the Spleen, and tares away wind in a uncredible manner. This is the constant experience of all that take it, and I think not one of an hundred but will acknowledge it; but by my own experience I do add further, that al-

although I have not been made ſenſible of a violent breaking of wind downward, yet before morning I have found all oppreſſion gone, my ſelf ſet free and lightſome, and I have not known which way, but my reaſon tells me, that lying in a gentle breathing ſweat, the Pores of my body being thereby all ſet open, wind hath thereby found ſecret and inſenſible paſſage, and ſometimes I have ſenſibly perceived it go by Urin, but his ordinary working is mightily downward as all in general finde it to do.

Drieth up Hydroppical humors. Things not to be credited it hath done in this diſtemper.

An ancient man troubled with this diſtemper took it but in reaſonable doſs for one month together, the weather indeed was warm, it did ſweat him, as he told me, every night ſo mightily, that his maid ſaid it went thorow the Featherbed whereon he lay every night, and wrought aſtrongly by Urin, and I do proteſt this man at the months end was freſher and fairer, and ſtronger to his labor, then when I began with him, and is at this inſtant in good health, and this was three yeers agone from this preſent writing.

I ſhall write here a ſtrange and wonderful, but accidental cure, I think, as hath been heard of in this age; A young woman having languiſhed for a long time under very many diſeaſes, the worſt that uſually may attend an honeſt womans body, as the Dropſie, Stone, Conſumption or Tiſick, ſhortneſs of Breath, ſore fits of the Mother, Jaundies, as I did clearly ſee by her eyes; this

woman having ſpent much for a long time but in vain, ſhe grew worſe and worſe, and did diſpair of help in this world, ſhe was ſcarcely able to ſtand or breath, at the intreaty of good women of our country, I went to ſee her, ſhe being born within a mile where I was, I ſhould hardly have gone to her but that we were School-fellows at *Nottingham*, I found her in this ſad condition; I durſt promiſe nothing more then this, If I did her no good I would do her no harm, I made her five or ſix ſmall Pills, with order to drink White-wine after them, and to take each night one, and as ſhe liked them, ſo let me hear from her; ſhe accordingly takes them, the third day her huſband comes to me with words of wonder and abundance of thanks, and told me that his wife was finely recovered, that ſhe had breath in good length and order, and ſlept well and began to eat, and that he had brought ſome of the Stones which ſhe voided with him to ſhew me, and ſaid he, what ſhall I ſay, your Pills have done more then poſſibly might have been imagined, I praiſed God with him, he took half an ounce of my Pills more with him, and becauſe of the fits of the Mother, I willed him to take half an ounce of my Oyl of Amber, and give her three drops in a ſpoonful of White-wine, and then drink a glaſsful of White-wine, after it he went home, and the next morning gives her two ſpoonfuls of this Oyle, the woman faints with heat, as needs ſhe muſt, her heart being ſuffocated with fire, and the next morning he gives her the reſt of the half ounce, ſo that he gave her as much at twice

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as ſhould have ſerved two hundred times or near it, it is indeed a miracle that this woman was not deſtroyed, but orderly taken a better thing could not have been given to have helped and aſſiſted her Pills againſt thoſe fits of the Mother, this woman receiving this half ounce into her body extreamly fainted, her husband comes not to me, but runs unto a wiſe Doctor which could not ſee the power of Oyl of Amber, but clatters hard againſt me and my Pills, but would give her nothing, but plentifully beſtowed the Gallows upon me for killing her, and without ſhame as a man that had but one ear, never ſearching the truth, meeting me, and near before a dozen people which ſtood by, charged me with killing this woman, & before them all threatned me with holding up my hand at the Bar; I gave him not a word, it was neither time nor place, but lifted up my heart to God, knowing my own innocency, and was ſorry he ſhould do himſelf ſo much wrong, and of all men living I had deſerved better things at his hand; I did wonder to hear this charge, for I had not heard one word, neither did I, but what came from him till three months after; it pleaſed God that with what good this woman had received from the Pills ſhe took before (for this Doctor did ſo fright them, that they thought it was my Pills that wrought ſo with her as that ſhe took no more; I ſay) altogether proved happy for the woman, for at once ſhe was releaſed of all her diſeaſes, and being well and about the ſtreet, an ancient Gentlewoman, Miſtris *Tuching* in Beadlam, calls to her and ſaid; you but the other day as it

were was ill of many diſeaſes, and now you are ſo well of a ſuddain, you have got one good Medicin or other, I pray you let me have ſome of it; ſhe replied that ſhe had a Country man at the Tower gave Pills and that they had cured her, but they liked to have killed her, and that ſhe had the reſt of them at home but durſt not take any more of them, come ſaid Miſtris *Tuching* give them me, I will take them, which ſhe did, and when ſhe had ſpent them ſhe calls to her and told her that ſhe muſt bring her to the man, for ſhe muſt have more of thoſe Pills, and this was near three months before either I or the woman did know what it was that did hurt her; this ancient Gentlewoman with my Country woman comes to my houſe, I not being at home, this woman asked for the Oyl I ſent her to take by ſpoonfuls, my maid told her that I had no Oyl that I gave by ſpoonfuls; I had indeed an Antidote which I did give in ſpoonfuls; to be ſhort, this woman ſoon found the Bottle by its ſcent, and ſo ſhe and we came to know how ſhe came well as God hath ordered it, and ſhe hath remained well for this two years if not more, and hath born a child or two ſince; this is a true and faithful relation to the beſt of my remembrance, as I have it from their own mouths, and thanks be to God who hath kept me and will keep me in his way notwithſtanding the envy and rage of my enemies, ſo that thorow mercy I care not for it; yet notwithſtanding this Doctor in the fury of his malice hath took off thoſe good women, and not a few more from the uſe of my Pill, which I know well will all turn to his perpetual

petual ſhame, I pray God forgive him with my whole heart, I am taught by him to take heed of making men idols.

In fine I know no diſeaſe that it doth not either perfectly eaſe or perfectly cure. Although this Bill hath now been made publike above this four years, and I had both reaſon and experience then enough to avouch it in my conſcience before Almighty God, and experience enough to avouch it before men; there hath been added every ſince a daily load of experiences, which as a cloud of witneſſes confirm what I have publiſhed, for ſuch are indeed the wonders of God daily brought to our ears, ſome of which I have related unto you, and indeed as I may ſay the happy returns of prayer in the adminiſtring of this Pill doth abundantly ballance the bitterneſs of envy, and the falſe lies and forgeries of the wilful ignorant and by the conſtant meetings together of a catologue of mercies upon mercies, all of them pleading my juſt cauſe againſt the proudeſt contemner; I do therefore with joy ſubmit to reproach, knowing that reproach ſhall be the portion of the happy in this life, and if the Lord whom I ſerve did not by his conſtant preſence and bleſſing upon my labor, give vigor and life unto my juſt and honeſt indeavor for the good of mankind, I ſhould have been charmed and frighted off from this my imployment the higheſt hath called me unto, but putting my truſt in him, ſhall proceed in his name with joy, fear, love, and trembling, not doubting but he that is able to keep that which in his name I have committed unto

him, who hath and doth keep me in all my ways, will never fail me of his bleſſed protection and aſſiſtance in well-doing; and ſuch hath been my care and indulgence towards all always, that except people deſperately preſumptious, both to abuſe themſelves and me, they cannot lightly hurt themſelves; and while I am now writing I will give an inſtance or two which comes into my mind, which will make good what I now drive at. A woman a Nurſe keeper comes to us for one quarter of an ounce of my Pills, which my wife weighed her; another ſtaying for another, ſhe having her own catcht up the other out of the ſcale and popt it into her mouth and ſwallowed it all at once, and away ſhe goes; I had a friend with me by the fire-ſide, my wife being frighted cried out the woman would kill her ſelf, we wondred to ſee her skip away ſo faſt, but did not well conceive the matter, about fourteen days after my maid met her in Tower-ſtreet, asked her how ſhe did with that quantity of Pill at once in her belly, ſhe told her that ſhe was well, and that ſhe ſat up all that night with her child which ſhe did Nurſe, onely it did make her head-ach a little; this relation is true, but not to be followed without danger, I neither knew her name nor her dwelling, to adminiſtred any thing to have over-ruled it; I do think this propoſterous act of this woman may ſhew unto all men its ſafty, if there be any reaſon uſed in the adminiſtring of it; and whereas I ſay, I have taken it my ſelf twelve months, it is true that I have taken it now almoſt five yeers, and have not I am ſure miſſed it in all the time from firſt till this preſent

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it me not twenty nights, neither ſhall I miſs it except it ſhould pleaſe God to grant me a better (of which I now have little hope) and the effects thorow divine goodneſs are with me bleſſed; I always have need of it as of a ſtronge cordial although I do not alwayes uſe the ſame quantity, for I never weighed one for my ſelf in all my life, but I make them bigger or leſſer as I find my ſelf to have more or leſs need of them; and when I am as well as I could wiſh, I do take a little one to keep me ſo, but if I get cold or ought elſe that troubles me I do then take one bigger, and this I find by conſtant experience, and I do aſſure you it is no more then what is true, that it never failed me, but always comes with freſh ſtrength and reviving as truely and effectually as when I took it at firſt, and not like other things which with much uſe will looſe their vertue, power, and effect, but my Pill is ever the ſame, working higher or lower as it finds cauſe, and according unto the quantity that is taken, ſo that what change is, is not in it but in me; and I do further confirm what I formerly ſaid as to the injoying of my health and chearfulneſs thorow many weakneſſes, for ſuch is the clearneſs of my body, and freeneſs from any obſtructions, that I have run from the firſt ſtep of my houſe unto the higheſt ſtep upon the leads on the houſe top and never draw my breath; alſo ſuch eaſe and chearfulneſs of heart, that as I go along the ſtreet it is as if I did not tread on the ground, and as I have oft ſaid, ſo I do ſay again, that to my thinking I do not weigh one ounce upon my ſhoo-heels. Now my

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ſleeve for the moſt part is full of pins that I gather from the ground, but when I hung upon my Doctors ſleeve, I always was ſo oppreſſed and filled with pains, and ſo ſore oppreſſed and loaden at my Breaſt, that although poor, yet ſhould hardly have ſtooped to have taken up a penny, and if I had ſtooped upon any occaſion, I did not know how to get up again without great pain and difficulty, and with the help of my hands upon my knees; I further found and do find my limbs to lengthen or ſet at liberty, which before was ſtiff as if they were ſhrunk, now I can leap run or any ſuch like thing with refreſhing, which before was far from me: What ſhall I ſay, I am thorow mercy a living monument of his mercies and of Gods bleſſing upon this Pill, for near this five years I have not uſed any other thing but it and my Antidote, and ſometimes of my Oyle of Amber, and if theſe ſhould fail me, as I know not how ſoon they may; I ſuppoſe I ſhould hardly ſend over the threſhold for what is elſwhere to be gained for mony, yet I will deal freely and truely with you, I have been put ſo to it upon extraordinary occaſions of Feavors, colds and aguiſh infections to take four Pills of good bigneſs, betwixt eight at night and ten the next day, allowing three or four hours betwixt each Pill, and I do the rather report this, becauſe I know it will be exemplary to many, for ſuch hath been my weakneſs that if I did not take a Pill in the time aforeſaid I ſhould faint, beſides the help of high cordial waters and burnt wine, and in ſtead of cold mortal Julips, in a Feavor I make

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uſe of theſe comfortable things not fearing my Feavor, if I can but hold up my vital ſpirits, and let my Pill and Feavor try the maſtery; I know according unto Gods appointment it ſhall be but for ſo many years thorow twenty Feavors which have been apparent thus have I been helped, for if one Pill will be to weak it muſt be aſſiſted with another, and if two be too weak it muſt be aſſiſted with a third, and if three be too weak it muſt be aſſiſted with a fourth; thus far I have gone with it my ſelf, and ſeldom it is that a Feavor ſtaid with me twenty four hours, or hardly ever to keep me in a doors all the next day, but by afternoon likely I am maſter of it; and let all take notice that it is far better to take a little and oft, that is to ſay, four hours aſunder, as I did and do my ſelf if there be occaſion, ſo will it work ſweetly and powerfully with eaſe and delight; and whereas I ſpake of the ſtopping of ſome of my Organical parts, they were my ears and noſe, my ears ſo opened, that when I held my breath and blew, the wind would flye thorow both my ears, I could perceive it by making my hair fly on both ſides, and indeed they are both as good as ever ſince they were mine, which before the uſe of my Pill were weak and defective; I do therefore always renew my thankſgiving unto God for ſo great a mercy beſtowed upon me now in the latter end of my days, for as I have ſaid often, ſuch hath been my continued pains and anguiſh for above twenty years that I have not known the hour in all that time wherein I have took ſo much pleaſure in my life as to deſire to live it out; I joy-

joyfully acknowledge unto the praise of my master which I have served from my youth up with an upright and perfect heart, that in all that time the joys of a better life were always set before my face, with the lively beams thereof always kept alive in my heart, and thorow mercy I durst not complain nor say my burden was too heavy for me, I ever abhord such thoughts as too ignoble for a Christian that puts his trust in Gods free mercy in Christ; I perpetually cried aloud for strength to bear and suffer his will, and it was enough for me, the master that I always have served never suffered the cross to be two heavy and burthensom to me, I know well it crossed nothing but an unbelieving, corrupt, and carnal mind. I have oft wondred considering my apparent weakness, wherefore I did live or had life permitted me, forasmuch as I could not discern which way I was likely to perform service, either unto God or unto man, more then this that it was for my Lord and Masters power to rest upon me, and to manifest his glory in my great infirmity, but now I am apt to think that I am preserved, as with joy I do find, to be a blessing and a refreshing unto many, and truely the poverty and sickness, rejection of friends and relations which has past me, doth not (as it doth with too many) set me on to take hold on riches or make haste to be rich, or fill my self with the profits and pleasures of this life, but much rather if it were possible for me, such is the burning desire of my heart, I say, I would if possible bear the sickness and bitterness of all men, and frequently with joy

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and tears when I have heard the returns of those poor which by my hand as a weak instrument; I say when they have told the great things the Lord hath done for them, my soul within me hath revived with praise and thansgiving that I am and have been spared unto so great and blessed a work as the Lord imploys me in; I see also and perceive why I my self have been trained up in affliction, to the end I might learn of the true pattern of all obedience, Jesus Christ, who came not to do his own will, but the will of him that sent him, who speaking of those that are his and have interest in him, as of sons and children, that he took part with them, to wit, flesh and blood, the nature of *Abraham*, not Angels, and was tempted as a man, that he might succor those that are tempted and learn to be a merciful Saviour; and let me speak further, whether my heart deceive me God knoweth, it is my perpetual supplication that I might rather dye and cease, then that this my rejoycing should be made void, but that I may truly and faithfully do likewise unto the utmost of my power always ready to joyn my shoulder unto him that is ready to fall, supporting, comforting and assisting according unto what I have received extended always unto him that is sick and feeble of heart; and thorow mercy there is a good witness for the time past (I doubt not) recorded in heaven; and I further hope to increase it thorow the blessed assistance of him who shews mercy unto the poor and needy in their distress.

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Directions how to take this Pill aright.

LEt it be underſtood that each one according unto his age, ſtrength, or weakneſs is to take a portion ſeverally.

The ordinary doſſe is the biggneſs of a gray peaſe ſwelled, or twelve grains, or ten, or fourteen grains to twenty grains where is ſtrength, but to a child new born no more then a pin-head, and not a great one neither, but about one quarter of a grain. My advice and councel is to all both old and young that they be ſure they take little enough at firſt, and in ſo doing there is great ſafty, always having regard to the ſtrength and condition of the patient,& fora ſmuch as the thing in its one property is a mear cordial, and a great fortifier of nature, too much you may take without ſafty, as a man may drink too much wine, but too little you cannot take as to ſafty, ſo that the leaſt grain is profitable to whole nature, and not in the leaſt prejudicial; therefore I do warn and charge that you begin with little enough, and that you do increaſe afterward as you find by good experience the patient can bear it, unto a child of ten or twenty hours old give as much as a ſmall pins-head, and ſo increaſe with care as you ſhall find it to work, it at once brings them to reſt, cauſeth them to eat and ſuck luſtily, and drives out any thing amiſs in them; and for a child

child a year old give as much as a great pin-head, ſtill increaſing as you do perceive ſtrength to bear it, but it is better to give it either to old or young a little and oft, always taking it when you are going to bed or in bed, and you muſt alow twelve or fourteen hours unto its working, and above all things take heed of colds, but if you ſhould get a cold, haſte to bed, take a good Pill, it is gone, it will do no hurt, if you find your head to be giddy and unſettled, and alſo your ſtomach to be heaving, it is beſt to give it time and repoſe by ſleep, leaſt you be very ſick and vomit, which you will not do if your ſtomach be not very foul; note that it is not in its ſtrength till four or five hours taken; there is no obſervation of diet, but for men and women to keep a wholſom open & clean diet, avoyding all things that is cold and windy in operation, but always keep your ſtomach warm with that which is good & wholeſom; alſo always drink a wine-glaſs of the beſt Beer, Ale or Wine after the taking of the Pill; it is to be noted that if a mans head and breaſt be well he may riſe at any time; I my ſelf do frequently riſe after the taking my laſt Pill about two hours, this is in hot weather, not but that I muſt ſleep after again; you muſt further give what time you will, if your ſtomach be foul and poiſonous you will vomit, I do in the Winter time frequently when I am abroad and find my ſelf not well, take a little Pill of four grains or a grain or two more, as I like my ſelf, and drink a cup of good Beer after it, this doth raiſe me up beyond all belief, its common operation is by ſweat and Urin which you may increaſe

creaſe as you pleaſe, you ſhall find that a double portion will have a double effect, ſo that you may do what you will with your ſelf; it is further to be noted, that after three or four days this Pill will purge your body but with haſt and pleaſure; generally it doth purge, you will alſo find a fiery ſharp humor to go away, and although it make you a little ſore for the preſent, yet will you have cauſe to give thanks to God for its diſcharge, although with pain; you will do well to let it take its own courſe and follow natures law; it oft appears moſt by Urin, I know many becauſe of its ſtrange working have ſlighted it, and left it, and ſpake ill of it thorow their own fears, unto their own hurt, and yet at laſt it hath been their laſt and beſt refuge, theſe are not a few in and about *London*, and now who ſhall commend it like theſe; it is no new thing to have the beſt ſubſtances thrown by, if they do not in all things appear according unto received circumſtances, I do wiſh all that are weak to do as I do my ſelf, to uſe this Pill more or leſs as they find occaſion, and always have within their reach a cup of the beſt, a ſpoonful of good cordial-water is good in cold weather; my Pill doth hate all ſmall drinks that are fomented or wrought with yeaſt, which fills with Wind and Rhums, keep ever your ſtomach warm with wholeſom meat and drink, and care not for being a little hot, let it ſuffice thee that my Pill although hot, yet doth it kill all unnatural heat whatever: I have always by me a bottle of a rich cordial-water, and a pot of ſtrong Beer, or Ale with Sugar, or of the Sirrop of black Cheries,

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which after my way of making doth excel, and ſometimes I do uſe theſe apart, and ſometimes together, as I do find my ſelf, and ſometimes none of them all, but of any drink whatever it be, be not to free with it at one time, but rather a little and oft; you will find this Pill to coarſe and follow wind up and down from head to heel, as a dogg followeth a Hare thorow every hedge and buſh, and in this working you will of a ſuddain find a little faintneſs, then a ſpoonful of that which is beſt is acceptable and well applied, at that time beſure to keep your head on your Pillow, and while one would tell fourty it is gone; and thus it will do till it hath found ſome natural purger for his enemy, but if thou doſt not break wind by a ſenſible way of evacuation, yet thou ſhalt find it gone thou knoweſt not which way, thou maiſt obſerve that thy Pores are ſet open all over thy body, and by ſecret breathings at thoſe little Pores, it will oft make his way, and ſometimes by Urin it will follow natures law, and uſe thoſe purges which is moſt apt and ſpontaneous; and what pains ſoever thou haſt old or new will give way and thou at eaſe, as if thou ailedſt nothing, for the moſt part it is ſo, but if thou find it rake too high upon an old grief, know it is in order to heal and cure it; therefore I ſay, condeſcending unto thy weakneſs and unbelief, prove it firſt with a little and increaſe with judgement, as you find ſtrength and courage to bear it, thou maiſt know that it hath power, if thou haſt wiſdom to apply it.

It falls out oft upon surly griefs, as Sciatica and Gout in the feet, that it will nibble at them more strongly then thou wouldst, therefore mark what I have said to thee.

In my first Bill I did not commend it to women with child, both because my Pill is not now as then, neither had I experience, but now I do commend it to them above any thing in the world for the health both of mother and child, and if young women would avoyd green and hurtful fruits and windy things, and instead thereof keep a good and wholesom diet, and now and then, if cause, to use of these Pills, we should not have so many miserable weak children; but women will so palpably inslave their own healths and lives and their infants unto a fooliſh luſt, to that which proves pernitious unto both, observing neither what is for their own or their infants health and wellfare.

I will relate one story of a woman with child, one that lived about Safoxus-mills in Southwark, and this woman was extreamly tormented, but did not know what it was that troubled her, she had took divers things but to no purpose, and so it was that her pains did exceed, that she was weary of her life; this woman meets with one of my Pills, but how I did not know till afterwards, and without leave takes it at a venter, and contrary unto its usual course, it set this woman a purging, and gave her above twenty stools, and then brought from her an abortive or false conception, whereat she was well and so continued all the month that she had to go, and in her sea-

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ſon was delivered of a luſty boy very well, and ſo both mother and child continue well for any thing as ever I heard, praiſed be God, and after we heard of this woman, we likewiſe heard of others which did take it in the very hour of travel with happy ſucceſs, and with much eaſe, more then ever they brought child into the world before, and now lately it is grown common with women that know it and uſe it in the time of being with child, to take it in their extremity, and alſo to give it their child as ſoon as born, if they diſcern cauſe.

I will now give you one inſtance or two of ſome that have uſed it preſumptiouſly, and have took too much of it, it may be ſuch like experiences will admoniſh the unruly to uſe a good thing to a good purpoſe and not abuſe themſelves thereby.

About a month ago I chanced to light into the company of a man that lives near *London*-bridge in Theams-ſtreet, he ſaid he lay one night with a Gentleman which lay at his houſe, this Gentleman having of my Pills in a ſilver box, took one himſelf, and left his box on the table and went to bed, this man he takes as much at twice as would have made five or ſix (he compared it to to his thumb end) the leaſt of which would have been enough for him, this portion did begin to work very high upon him, and he fell into a ſtrong vomitting in a ſtrong ſweat, and after a while he needs muſt go to ſtool, he in his ſweat goes down two pair of ſtairs to the houſe of office, and he proteſted to me that as he ſat upon the

ſool the ſweat did drop off him upon his feet; thus twice he went down two pair of ſtairs to purge, and very ill by fits, it made him that he thought he ſhould have dyed no other death, but ſays he, I will never take more of your Pills: this man is old enough to have ſeen his error and my Pills benefit, yet this is his concluſion, hence let all be admoniſhed to follow direction given, for his reſolution was as raſh as taking the Pills was, and carries ſo much folly in it, as it doth ſtand more need to be pitied then anſwered, for who ſeeth not but that if he had taken a portion fit for him how profitable it would have been to him.

A child in Saint *Martins* being preſently helped of Rickets and ill digeſtion of meat and ſuch like griefs; another of their next neighbors comes in great haſte for another child in like condition, I gave her Pills as the other had, and ſhewed her by making a one or two what quantity ſhe ſhould give the child, ſhe follows my order the firſt day, and ſhe did ſenſibly diſcern ſuch a mighty change in the boy, both as to his breath and chearfulneſs all the next day as did much delight her, and ſaid ſhe, if ſo much as this little thing do my childe ſo much good, I will give it more, and that will do it more good (and indeed ſo it proved for it cured the boy) and ſhe gave it what ſhe thought good, I ſhall never know how much it was ſhe gave him, but the next day the child was very ſick and would eat nothing but oft fainted and vomitted much, ſhe ſends to me in great haſt and ſaid ſhe feared I had killed

killed her child, I asked her ſiſter whom ſhe ſent if they had followed my direction, ſhe aſſured me that they had to a tittle; in the afternoon I went to ſee what was the matter, and by that time the boy was very wel and had broke thorow it, and the woman then told me what ſhe had done, and her ſiſter who affirmed that they had ſtrictly followed my rules, ſaid, did not I tell you you would kill the boy by giving him too much, thus you may ſee how I am dealt with, and I know in this I am not alone if this child had died, I ſhould have been called the killer of it, neither ſhould I ever have heard what the mother had done to it.

While I am writing, at preſent came a man to me fit to be remembred, although out of place which for two years was ſore troubled with a ſharp eating Rhum falling from his head, that he was almoſt loſt, he looked blackiſh, yallow, wan, his eys dul, he was almoſt ſtarved for want of meat, he could neither eat nor ſleep, he could get no help, Gods good hand direct him to me in a time of need, his throat and pallate of his mouth almoſt eat away, I looked into his mouth at his requeſt, there was a hole eat out I could have turned my finger in it, it was ſad to ſee; I did ſomewhat ſuſpect what diſeaſe it ſhould be, but indeed I think both he and his wife fears God and is innocent and chaſt in their lives; I gave this man one quartern of Pills, he came again in five or ſix days ſo altered, as I ſcarce knew him he did look ſo chearful, freſh, his eyes quick, his throat almoſt well, ſo much more ſet him quite well, and ſo he continues and he it may be ſpends

one quartern in one quarter of a year upon himſelf; I confeſs I never in my life, as I can remember knew the like, what the man ailed I cannot tell, it is ſufficient thorow Gods bleſſing even at once, as water would quench fire, ſo effectually did my Pill adminſter healing unto him, which did quickly make him pull out the ſtuff wherewith he had ſtoped it with.

To conclude I think I need not ſpeak more to my Pill or how to uſe it, for what is related in the ſeveral examples or experiences, will be as land marks to guide each one how and when to make application to themſelves and friends with comfort and ſafty, ſo as they need not to trouble themſelves or me for further direction how to uſe it, and for ſuch as are not therewith ſatisfied I do heartily deſire they would let it alone, and I do aſſure them, that if they have no need of my Pills, that my Pills have no need of them, and further I add that from my heart I do intreat all who and whatever they be that have a half perſwaſion to take and try my Pills, that if that they be not ſo well perſwaded of them as to think of them to be proper means for their health, ſo as to pray for Gods bleſſing upon their uſe, that all ſuch whatever they be would let them alone. I know the Atheiſtical profaneneſs of many which laugh when perſwaded to joyn faith and prayer in its uſe, their wickedneſs and folly needs no anſwering.

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Here followeth a Catalogue of names with their dwellings, of such as have used or knoweth the use of my Pill, of whom you may inquire.

Mr. *Henry Bonner*, *Fish-street-hill*, *at the Katherin-wheel*.
Mr. *Gibert Branden at the Swan and Bridge*, *at Bridge-foot*.
Mr. *Tho. Isgate*, *Bridge foot*.
Mrs. *Hudson Martins-lane*, *old Swan*.
Mrs. *Mardin Angel-alley by Cole-harbor*.
William Hawkins Butcher Eastcheap.
Mrs. *Jones Ducksfilld lane*.
Mrs. *Fellkin*, *Mark-lane by Tower-street*.
Mrs. *Bargman*, *Tower-street*.
Mr. *Nicholes*, *Tower-hill*.
Mr. *Robinson*, *by the Scaffold on Tower-hill*.
Mr. *Nuttall*, *by the Postern Tower-hill*.
Mrs. *Leine* alias *Green*, *Cater-lane*.
Mrs. *Roles by the Iron-gate*.
Mr. *Barham Minister of Saint Tellins*.
Mrs. *Laugham*, *Saint Tellins*.
Mr. *Liggon*, *Whit-hart-court without Bishopsgate*.
Mrs. *Prosser*, *Half-Moon-alley little Morefields*.
Mrs. *Lewis*, *Priest-alley Tower-street*.
Mrs. *Thornton*, *Mint Tower*.
Mr. *John Renals*, *Say master Tower his maid-servent*.
Mr. *Nathaniel Marsh*, *Monier in the Tower*.
Mrs. *Hunt*, *Gravel lane Starch-maker*.

Mr. *Andrews, Coopers Alms houſes Ratcliff.*
Mr. *Crainton, Ratcliff-croſs.*
Mr. *Roe, Ratcliff-croſs.*
Mr. *Gibſon, Ratcliff-croſs.*
William Hornbe, Woollwich.

In Lime houſe.

Mr. *Tho. Coaſts.*
Mr. *John Hoſtin.*
Mrs. *Ann Eliot.*
Mr. *Edmond Harman.*
Mrs. *Ann Pope.*
Mrs. *Elizabeth Coats.*
Mrs. *Joan Pirkins.*
Mr. *Tho. Haſtin.*
Mrs. *Sarah Skenes.*
Mrs. *Alice Hughes.*
Mrs. *Mary Thomſon.*
Mrs. *Prudence Perſall.*
Mr. *Ravins. Woollwich.*
Mr. *Packwood, Woollwich.*
Mr. *Hance Woollwich.*
Mr. *Barton Woollwich.*

In Ratcliff.

Mr. *John Smart.*
Mrs. *Mary Smart.*
Mrs. *Mary Andrews.*
Joſeph Barker.
Elizabeth Hadwins.
Ric. Dean.
John Dean.

Adam Haire.
Mr. Coppin.
Mrs. Stanton.
Joan Reares.
Mr. Kendal of Chattham.
Mr. Booth, Woollwich.
Mr. Comfort.
Mrs. Biſhop, Maſe Southwark.
Mrs. Harris, Barnesbe-ſtreet Southwark.
Mr. Stevens, Barnesbe-ſtreet end.
Mr. Caskue, Battle-bridg.
Mr. Sharp, Saint Thomas Southwark.
Will. Whitlock, Saint Thomas Southwark.
Mr. Vere, Houndſdich Currier yard.
Tho. Dennis at the Bell Southwark.
Tho. Hakelton, Bank-ſide.
Mr. Brooks, Maiden-lane Southwark.
Mr. Clemant, Bank-ſide Southwark.
Mr. Tench, near Falkon Southwark.
Mr. Morgin, Bankeſide.
Mr. Kettel, Barber in Tho. Southwark.
Mr. Nic. Parcks, New-ſtreet near Shoo-lane.
Mr. Pittman, Meal-market Southwark.
Mr. Chapman, Gravel-lane Houndſdich.
Abednego Child, Mileend.
Tabitha Eliat, Whitechapel Churchyard.
Mr. James Hill, Coleman-ſtreet George-alley.
Sarah Taylor, Northumberland-Alley.
Mr. Bavin, Northumberland-alley.
Mr. Smith, Northumberland-alley.
Mr. Barber, Further Tower-hill new building.
Mrs. Sillito, Tower-dock.
Mr. Huſſey, Thumberland-alley.

Mr. Dead-

Mr. *Deadman*, *Halfmoon*, *Cornhill*.
Mr. *Smith*, *Cock at Longlane end Alderſgate-ſtreet*.
Mr. *Smith*, *Graver Gutter-lane*.
Mr. *Weaver*, *Clock-maker at the Pumpe*, *Broad-ſtreet end*.
Widow Smith at the Anchor in Coleman-ſtreet.
Mr. *Barton*, *Nags-head-alley*, *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*.
Mr. *Fromantell*, *Clock-maker at the Millel Duck-lane by the Hoſpital*.
Mr. *Prime*, *Angel-alley at Thumberland-alley end*, *Allgate*.
Mr. *James at* Mr. *Fromantells*.
Mr. *Lomes*, *Clock-maker Lothberry at the Mermaid*.
Mrs. *Burrows*, *at the three Cocks Lothberry*.
Mr. *Loddinton*, *Barber Lothbery*.

Weſtminſter.

Edward Batterbes, *Tuttle-ſtreet*.
Joh. Fells, *Kings-ſtreet*.
Law. Dibes, *Kings-ſtreet*.
Simon Clesbe, *Mill-bank*.
Mrs. *Barnes*, *Petty-France*.
Mrs. *Alerige*, *Tuttle-ſtreet*.
Mrs. *Kellſall*, *little Wood-ſtreet*.
Captain Robinſon, *Tuttle-ſtreet*.
Mr. *Joſ. Sprige*, *Whitehall*.
Mr. *Seal*, *Braſier Cat-eaten-ſtreet*.
Mrs. *Heaſell*, *Checker Watlin-ſtreet*.
Mr. *Roberts*, *Lower end of Broad-ſtreet*.
Mr. *Barber in Fire-ball-court Hounſdich*.
Mr. *Hamon*, *lower end of Broad-ſtreet*.
Mr. *Jefferies*, *in fireball Court Hounſdich*.
Mr. *Ward*, *Exciſe Office*.
Mr. *Barnard*, *Exciſe Office*.

Mr. *Boul-*

Mr. Boulſtrod, *Surgis-hall.*
Mr. Eaſtevle, *Exciſe Office.*
Collonel Potter of *Richmond.*
Mr. Prichit of *Richmond.*
Mr. Bacon, *Controler Ely-houſe.*
Mrs. Rawbone, *New Bridewell.*
Mrs. Cutler, *Charter-houſe.*
Mr. Harwood, *Seven ſtars Lumber-ſtreet.*
Andrew Dancy, Abchurch-lane.
Mr. Laſhle Barbar, *Colledge-hill.*
Mr. Williams, *Nelins court Black-fryers.*
Ric. Andrews, Whitechappel.
Mr. Loveday, *Spittlefeils.*
Mr. Clement, *Silkman Cheapſide by the Bull-head.*
Mr. Richards, *Baſing-lane.*
Captain Johnſon, lower end Bow-lane.
Mr. Mellish, *Trinity-lane Baker.*
Mrs. Mountague, *three Tun-alley London wall.*
Alice Ruſe at Mr. *Hudſon Martins-lane.*
Mrs. Brooks *at the ſame* Mr. *Hudſons.*
The Baker Martins-lane end old Swan.
Cap. Cellke Pewterer Burchin lane.
Mr. Hatten, *Winsforth-ſtreet.*
Mr. Penny, *Exciſe Office.*
Mr. Pearpoint, *Douins alley Biſhopſgate-ſtreet.*
Mr. Ellis, *Sherbone-lane Taylor.*
Mrs. Freeman *at* Mr. *Cutlers Charter-houſe.*
Mr. Neal, *Cheapſide.*
Mrs. Seeton *in Saint Thomas Southwark.*
Mrs. Broom, *Frying pan Cheapſide.*
Mrs. Winſeild, *Hellin down by Uxbridge.*
Mr. Preſton, *Swan-alley Coleman-ſtreet.*
Mrs. Tart, *Bell alley Coleman-ſtreet.*

Mrs. Ta-

Mrs. *Taverner of Hillindown.*
Mr. *Brade School-maſter Crutchet fryers pumpe.*

I have ſet down a few names with their dwellings, to the end thou mayeſt here what they will ſay, and this I will aſſure thee that they all have cauſe to ſpeak well, and ſo indeed they have done, and I think will do, otherwiſe thou maiſt believe I would never have ſet their names here; and if it were a thing neceſſary it were a ſmall matter for me in a little time to give thee ten for one; but theſe being ſcattered over the Town and at once come to mind while I am a diſpatching this little book, I am willing without carefulneſs to abide by their teſtimony, knowing well what I have commended whether men ſpeak well or ill in this matter, yet I muſt tell thee that ſome of theſe at *Weſtminſter*, and ſome at *Limmehouſe* I do not know, but their neighbors names them to me while I am a writing, others that I do know, and I do intreat thee to believe that it is no part of my labor to trouble my ſelf with names and peoples dwellings.

Now I will in as plain words as I can deliver unto you ſome choiſe Receits which I think have not ſeen the light, eaſily wrought, almoſt by any vulgar hand, which will be acceptable unto ſuch as are endued with love and goodwill, and do deſire the good of their neighbor.

To draw the true Oyl of Amber, the ſame which I have uſed for many years with wonderful effect and benefit to the uſers, and the ſame of which I have ſpoken in this Book.

TAke the Scruff of Amber what quantity you pleaſe (which you may buy at the Druggiſt) and beat it in a Morter groſly, then take a good new Brick, and beat it to powder likewiſe, of theſe equal weight, and mix them well together one a table, it is ready.

Take a good Retort of glaſs and put on it a good coat of ſtrong lute made of blood, lome, hair, and ſharp ſand, and moiſten them with ſtrong Brian, lay it on all over the thickneſs of two half crowns, let it dry in the ſum, when its dry look well, and pnrge what is a miſs and it is ready, fill this three parts full of thy Brick and Amber, and it is ready to put into thy Furnace, make a Furnace with a grate, and lay a croſs bar of Iron eight inches above thy grate, ſet thy retort in an earthen Diſh of aſhes or ſand upon this bar, let the noſe ſtand inclining ſo as what condenceth may run out, build up about thy Retort and keep an inch diſtance or more, and juſt at the top of thy Furnace, leave a vent ſo bigg as an egge may go in at it; note if thy vent be too ſtrait thou will be puzzled, but if too big then maiſt with tile ſhird make it leſs by laying it on the

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top, lay to it a receiver as bigg as the retort, see that all be dry and well fixed, then with a gentle fire of Charcole under thy grate make fire for twelve hours, thou wilt perceive thy work to sweat, and a white wateriſhneſs to cleave unto the neck of thy Retort, and in thy Receiver, continue this degree of fire under thy grate in the aſh-pit for twelve hours or longer, till thou perceive it to ſlack its working, then begin with ſmall fire upon thy grate, govern thy work with care that it work not too fiercely, for then thou wilt endanger all thy work and break thy veſſels, and keep that heat till thou ſeeſt that it will work no more, and that as thou perceiveſt there cometh nothing, increaſe thy fire a little for three hours, and if thou perceive that it begin to ſend forth white fumes, keep that degree for ſix hours, and by this time thou maiſt be ſure that all the Flegme is come off, then put in a Sea-cole ſinder or two, and ſo by degrees leave Charcole, and bring on thy fire with Sea-cole, it is for thy profit ſo to do, and by this time there is no great danger, the Oyl is drunk up into the Brick, and thou with a little increaſe of fire will make him diſcharge or ſpew it out again and yet keep it from flowing, ſo that thou wilt receive now a thick, black, or deep red Oyl, thou maiſt in twelve hours more fetch off all thy Oyl without fear, for it doth require good and ſtrong fire, and with a tile give vent at the top which thou laidſt on in the beginning of thy work, let all cool together as it ſtands, and then take off thy Oyl and have a clean retort ready and pour it thereinto, and if thou wilt

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make a retort thy receiver which is better, then let it ſtand till thou art ready for it, take out the retort with the Capud, and clap into thy Furnace an Iron Kettle, and let the bottom ſeat upon the Iron Bar, and leave a large vent ſo bigg as a ſmall fiſt may be put down it; note this Furnace will ſtand in any Chimney-corner (how little ſoever it be) and with Lime and Hair fix the ſame handſomely, let the Kettle incline a little that it may caſt the Oyl the better; ſet into ſand thy Retort with the Oyl, let the noſe incline that the Oyle may deſcend or drop, let it ſtand half an inch in the bottom of ſand under the retort, fill about with the ſame ſand ſo high as the Oyl in the retort is, let not the ſand be either too ſharp or too fine, but of a middle greet, break the neck of another retort to go over this, if it be two inches wide, then it need not go over above one inch, but if it be but one inch wide, it had need go over three inches, lute it faſt about with Starch and paper; do thy work neatly like a workman, make a Sea-cole fire under gently untill all the Flegm be come over, and after increaſe thy fire, Note, that if thou haſt wrought well in thy firſt drought, for each pound of Amber thou wilt receive of Oyl and Fleagm thirteen ounces; when thou haſt drawn all over with gentle fire, repeat the ſame again the ſecond time; then haſt thou attained unto that Oyl as I conſtantly ſell for four ſhillings the ounce, and ſometimes unto Gentlefolks, and ſometimes for nothing; thou maiſt note that I have of the ſame which hath been thus rectified above ten times, that I never ſold

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any of it under twenty ſhillings the ounce. Thus I have given thee without any knot, the tree and plain way of my own work, which I have done of my ſelf without any guide or teaching, but as God hath taught me, and therefore know not what way other men take, accept them at my hand, therefore whereunto I have attained, with as much love as I tender it unto thee.

Many concluſions I have tried, thinking to advance the worth of this Oyl, but it proved otherwiſe; note that with fire thou canſt not wronge it, but therewith thou muſt feed it, and on fire it doth feed as naturally as thou feeds upon thy meat; many that would be accounted wiſe are choiſe in their fire, and dare not ſtir it up leaſt all their work ſhould be ſpoiled, but I am ſure they are fools and ſpoil their work for want of fire, for its clearneſs muſt not come with gentle fire but with oft rectifying, for if thou wilt take from him his fetid ſent, know that he is worth nothing fit for Ladies to play with, but not to do them good, and becauſe many will diſdain me in this matter, I will take in one more with me, viz. *Radolphus Glover*, who ſaith as much; note that it is beſt to keep this Oyl upon the Flegma as its one mother, neither will the Oyle ſower ſo ſoon; I do think in my conſcience this Oyl comes the neareſt unto a Medicin univerſal, if ſtrongly rectifyed ten or twelve times, and the opperator have judgement to keep and hold his Spirituouſneſs with ſtrong Lute, of any Oyl in the world, I have found it ſo and therefore ſo ſpeak.

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But becauſe many would fain make this Oyl, who live far off and cannot get veſſels, I will ſhew them a clowniſh way or two, that they may make a ſhift as I have done; but firſt note, I do proteſt I do not know out of my own hand where this Oyl can be had for mony; I have tried again and again that which is ſold for it, but I finde little of the truth there, I do not doubt but it is in divers hands to be had for mony, but where out of my own hand I know not, but that which is trade ſtuff is fetcht more out of the Firr-tree then out of the Scruff of Amber.

Let the Country gentleman that lives far off, and loves them that God loves, *viz.* the poor, and would fain do them good, let him attend to what I ſay, take a long neckt jugg, the longeſt you can get, and cover it well with a ſtrong lute as I appointed thee to cover the retort withall, put in thy Amber confect therein, lay thy jugg upon thy Iron bar within thy Furnace, let the noſe lie out about one inch, let not the noſe incline, but look a little upward, ſet to another jugg whoſe mouth will go over his mouth, lute them faſt together, proceed in all points as formerly, and thou haſt thy deſire; and if thou wouldſt rectifie thoſe veſſels, be ſure that they be very well burned and glazed, otherwiſe thou maiſt go ſeek thy Oyle, or thou maiſt very well make thy firſt drought in Gawbers firſt Furnace if thou have any of them, or any Potter will make thee of them.

I will yet commend unto thee another way, which is no fable but what I have wrought with my own hand and of my own invention,

which I am ſure no ingenious man will diſpiſe.

Take a large Funnel of Crooked-lane-plate, or of thin braſs, as my own is of that I have uſed the ſame way and for the ſame purpoſe; and cut ſo much of its ſmall end off as thou maiſt turn thy thum in it, get a Plate of thin Iron or Braſs, and fit it unto the top of thy Funnel ſo artly that it may lie a ſtraws breadth within the rim of thy Funnel, and if thou canſt not get a Plate conveniently, take an old Frying-pan bottom; if none of theſe, then an earthen diſh, but it will require a ſtronger fire upon it, be careful that whatever it be that it fit thy Funnel or Tunel, then take another earthen diſh about two inches deep, or a little leſs, and let it be almoſt as wide as the Funel, put it into the Funnel, and take three or four ſix penny nails, put them betwixt the diſh and the Funnel ſide, that there may be a ſtraws breadth or a nails bredth betwixt the Tunnel and the diſh, for the vapor to go down by, put thy Amber groſly beaten into the diſh, but be ſure that thy plate above do reach within an inch or inch and half at fartheſt; then lay over thy plate, then take a live Charcole and lay thereon which may warm the Plate, have ready chalk beaten to fine powder, and a ſtrong lye made of Bay ſalt, and thereof make thin ſtuff as if thou wouldſt make Pancakes, and with thy knife lay this lute upon the edge of thy Funel which will bind faſt the plate & the Funnel that nothing can vapor that way, take thy Funnel and ſet it into a large glaſs with a narrow mouth, and lute it well with a linnen cloth and ſome of thy lute,

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and ſet thy glaſs where thou wilt in thy window or one thy table; it is great pleaſure to behold this working, thou maiſt govern it as thou wilt by thy increaſe or decreaſe of fire; this I have done and it is ſpeedy, eaſie, and delightful, and almoſt without charge, onely note thy Oyl comes very thick; clean all thy veſſels with warm water and ſoap, and then thou maiſt rectifie therewith; thou muſt take heed to blow away the aſhes, that the heat may take the Iron plate under it more aptly, the gentlier thou doſt fire, the better will thy work be.

Of this Oyl if a vollum were writ of its power and vertue, it would be ſhort of what is contained in it; I will content my ſelf with giving thee two or three inſtances, leave thee to judge of it as it ſeems good unto thee.

At the beginning of theſe unnatural wars, I think about ſeventeen or eighteen years ago (for ſo long I have uſed it) I my ſelf being extream weak even as water, languiſhing by degrees, after a ſore fit of ſickneſs, which held me from Bartholmew-tide unto Shrove-tide; and for near ſeven years, paſſing my days in as great affliction as might be and go upright, nothing that I could take doing me any good, able to digeſt no wholſome food; and if I had gone the length of Tower-ſtreet, it was pains enough for me to lie on the bed all the day after it, indeed having inward peace I did long for death, but it fled away as God would have it; I knew not what I ailed, onely whole nature waſted and ſpent, and being deaf I imployed a man to ſerreng my ear, I found-

ed under his hand four times, that they thought I should then have dyed; the man told me I was the weakest man that ever came under his hand, willed me to get good Oyl of Amber, and drink three or four drops in the morning fasting, and he would warrant my recovery, I inquired what it was, and till I came unto *Hans Honger* in Whitechappel the Hungarian, I could not learn its vertue, he commended it as one of the most absolute things in the world, he prepared me one ounce, for which I gave him ten shillings (and if I had given him ten pounds he had deserved it) I took three drops as I was directed, and two mornings it purged and no more, but brought me to a right order, *viz.* once in a day, but before I had I know not how many stools in a day, and also made water almost at ever post through weakness, but in three weeks or a months time I was renewed from head to heel, and was like a boy of fourteen years old no ground could hold me, even at once released of all the sore burdens and oppressions that I lay under, which did much amaze most that knew me and I told them with what, although few would believe it; this relation is true, praised be God for this Oyl as a blessed instrument thereof, for presently I broke wind, began to feel an appetite and digest that which I did eat which was happy effects to me, that for some years knew I not what it ment, and God so ordered it, that at that very time I fell in with a *French* Emperick which was servant unto the Prince of *Orringe*, and from the time I have labored in this art of Alchimy.

A child being near death with Convulsion-fits, its father, mother, grandmother coming into th Country where the child was at nurse intending to bury it before they went home to *London*, the child having had thirty fits, some black and some white, nothing could interpose; I desired them to annoint the breast with some of this Oyl, and indeed it was the first draught onely, it stopt the fit coming, and the child had no more fits while she had it to nurse, unto their great astonishment, the Nurse said to me, that if I would have asked at that time five pound a drop, I might have had it, but eighteen pence did serve the turn.

Another time I did use to go oft unto a friends house where one lay sick of the Pestilence, I fancied with my self not to be afraid, neither can I say I was afraid, but so it was that I felt something rise and swell under my right arm, I let it alone two or three days, till at last it was so bigg that I could not get my arm unto my side as I was wont, and to my thinking it was as bigg as an egg, and begun to be sore; I then had two sorts of Oyl of Amber, one that was fine to drink, and another sort that was course to annoint; I drank my portion of the best, and then I called for my courser sort as I was in bed, and with my left hand annointed under my arm, and while my hand was upon it, it did avoid the place and fell under my short ribs, I followed it with Oyl upon my ribs, and while my hand was on it, it leaped up under my arm again, I to it again under my arm with more Oyl, and while my arm was on it, it went I know not whether, the next morning I

felt a little pain upon the contrary ſhoulder, and thus it went away and I heard no more of it, bleſſed be God for his goodneſs and mercy unto me.

I was once almoſt forced to viſite a Gentleman who was lame of the Gout, I left him Pills, and gave him of this Oyle to annoint his feet; this man neglected his Pills, onely annointed with this Oyl, he told me the next day he was in eaſe, and his foot and legg all alike ſore; this man with one or two Pills and this Oyl was ſo well as I obſerved him he ran after me to open his door to let me out, and ſo at once was well of his lameneſs; this is true, I have related,

Many by drinking this Oyl onely have voided many ſtones and much gravel when drunk in White-wine; I do uſe in Feavors to rubb my ſelf all over with this Oyl and drink it inwardly, and do find the ready way to cure with my Pills, and although it be fire, for ſo is my Pills, yet do they quickly extinguiſh an unnatural fire, as all find that uſe them, thanks be to God for it.

I never knew Convulſion ſtand with it, but it is ready help, as far as I have proved, and as profitable for any ach of limbs whereever, nay I have known when able Doctors have concluded of nothing but death, where extream vomiting and tearing of limbs have been, being left, I have then cauſed the patient to be rubbed all over with this Oyl with a warm hand, which inſtantly hath cauſed ceaſe of pain, and ſuch breaking wind as is not to be credited, and forthwith health hath followed, this I have ſeen with my eyes, bleſſed

be God for it. I leave it to Gods bleſſing in thy hand; I think to ſpeak no more of it, this book having already exceeded my intention, you may ſafely annoint a little child of a month old or younger if you have the true Oyl; yea as ſoon as it is born without danger, and I have known it given inwardly at ſixteen weeks old without danger, it is altogether diſcorſive and not contractive, and therefore ſafe and profitable for women that have Cankers in their Breſts, as I have known ſome cured with my Pills and this Oyl, praiſed be God for it; but I am weary of writing being very burthenſome unto me. I cannot but further add that till I knew my Pills I never knew the like for all griefs whatever that took their root from wind and Rhums, it breaks wind apparently ſenſible twenty four hours from off the ſtomach.

I will alſo here commend to the another which I am perſwaded may truely be accounted brother unto the Oyl of Amber, for I have much uſed it, and found it for all inward applications no whit inferior unto it; this thou maiſt know, for it is not any part of my deſign to deceive thee, that I have found that if I did drink Amber above fourteen days or three weeks, then its vertue would be gone, then have I left it off and drank this Oyl I ſhall now ſpeak of as long, and then the Oyl of Amber would come freſh as at firſt in ſtrength and vertue, thou maiſt note alſo that the Oyl of Amber if you take too much of it in hot weather will produce faintings, which this will not, further note, I never durſt uſe this Oyl outwardly,

but the Oyl of Amber with great safty.

Of this Oyl I never read in all my life, nor ever heard of any that ever did make any use of it but my self, and my one reason led me to it contemplating one the subject, could not but believe, there was real worth in it, as I by experience have truely found, and this Oyl I call the Oyl or Spirit of Pine, for so indeed it is, for Tar is made of the Pine-tree, as *Johnson* reports; I know nice noses will snuffel at this Oyl as a thing most detestable; I do is this as in other things admire the depth of the wisdom and goodness of God, who puts honor upon those things men most dispise, but I being all my life put hard to it for the preservation of my health have laid phantastical humors aside, and seriously searched into the blessing of God hid and covered even in dispised things; and truely I cannót say I have labored in vain, and indeed the benefit of this one as to health makes amends for an hundred abortives or errors.

Take therefore in the name of God what quantity of Tar thou pleasest, and put it into a retort well luted, and take like quantity of Bay-salt, put it into a new earthen vessel, make a good fire of Charcole about it, which is called a Wheel-fire of Sementation, and let thy Salt stand meanly red till it will crack no more, and that is called Decrepitating, beat this Salt to powder while it is warm in a stone Morter, and then with a wide Funel power it upon thy Tar which thou put into the Retort, let all together fill thy retort two thirds, set the retort in the palm of thy hand, and

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mix them well by shaking of them together, place this retort upon the Iron bar eight inches above thy grate in a dish of sifted ashes, as is taught in the drawing of the Oyl of Amber, proceed with it in all points as with the Oyl of Amber, onely at the last give violent fire for twelve hours, thou shalt receive three substances, *viz.* in the bottom of thy glass thou shalt receive a white Balsom, which is of unknown worth and vertue, as to my self I speak, the least heat disolves it, but I never made no experiment with it, but gave it to a friend which used to handle hard tools, and he had a corn for divers yeers in one of the joynts of his finger which was a daily grief and pain unto him; he annointed it with this balsom, and it did swell and rise, he took a sharp knif and did cut off what did rise up, and then did annoint again, it made it to rise again, he cut it again, and then did annoint again, and it did swell and rise again, this labor he continued till the corn came perfectly out, and so remains unto this day, which is now at least this seven years; I know no wise man that considers what I have said but will grant that which hath power thus to work, can also go further when a wise man hath it in hand; above this Balsom thou wilt receive a sour Flegm, I do not know any thing it is good for, and above that thou wilt receive a deep red Oyl which separate from this Balsom and Flegm, and that rectified once in ashes, and a second time in Balneo Maria; thus far I went with it and no further for my own use, and I found it precious above gold. There came a fat man to

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me once that was troubled with ſtrange fits and would beat himſelf and foam at mouth, and when any thing did over charge his ſpirits, he would fall into thoſe fits; I gave him ſome of this ſpirit of Pine, and willed him to drink four, five or eight drops and more as he found it work, and that he could bear it, in a weeks time or a little more he ſent me word he was cured, I willed him to proceed for ſometime however, and one morning after he had drunk this Oyl, going among his neighbors, they ſmelt a ſtrong ſmell, at laſt they ſaid it was like Tar, he fancied I had given him ſomewhat made of Tar, was angry with me, chooſing rather to have his fits ſtill, rather then take any thing of Tar; I think it is very fit this man ſhould keep his fits ſtill, onely I am afraid he hath ſome fits more then doth him good; the abundant mercy from heaven is manifeſt in the freedom of nature to all men, which offers her treaſures free without price, and God gives wiſdom to men to ſearch it out, and happy is that man whoſe heart is ſet open and free to do good imitating God and nature in their bountuous gifts; and as palpable is that mans folly who deprives himſelf of thoſe bleſſings freely offered unto him; and thrice more wretched is that man who withholds thoſe mercies from mankind, unto whom the higheſt hath freely granted them, for what have I or another that we have not received, and wherefore have we received, but to fullfill the ends of the giver, miſerable is that man that wants that witneſs in heaven and in his own conſcience; the bleſſing that I have received

ed in the taking of my Pill and in the giving it to others hath hindred me from making thorow proof of this Oyl and Balſom, I have given thee a plain receipt, and leave thee to Almighty God in the uſe of it, I know no more but to drink it in the morning two hours before meat, it break wind upward all day and cauſeth appetite, digeſteth meat, and where theſe are there will not want ſtrength, ſo I write, becauſe ſo I have found by good experience; note, drop it upon a ſpoonful of Ale or Beer & handſomely throw it down that thou touch it not, nor let the ſpoon touch it, ſo will you ſmell of it either not at all or very little, and the like for oyl of Amber, but when you belch you will taſte it, hardly elſe; I know the ſcornful will not touch it, but the pained will be glad to uſe thoſe things that doth them eaſe.

Now I will plainly give thee a plain receit which hath been kept up as a great treaſure, and ſo indeed it is, as I thing no man of any judgement but will ſo judg it, I cannot ſpeak of my own knowledge much of it, but my good friend from whom I have it hath been for many years relieved by it, when other means failed him, and he being ſatisfied with my preſſing deſires to do good, freely gave it me to that end, and I freely give it you, it will ſpeak for it ſelf, it is of very inconſiderable preparation and yet of great effect, and thou maiſt prepare as much in few hours as will contain one thouſand doſſes, I know there are many good Gentlemen and Gentlewomen which deſire to do good unto their poor neighbor; I intreat them attend to this, I have done

done it, it is so easily done, as it deserves not the name of a Chymical preparation: I also have known it safe and profitable, and worketh so sweetly as indeed it is a Medicin to be desired.

To prepare Antimony.

Take one part of Antimony, and six parts of the best India Salt-peeter, pound them together and serce them thorow a hair sive, take a strong crusible three square, and let it stand clean in a strong fire of Charcole (have a spoon tied unto a stick) put in a spoonful and it will burn, put in more and more as it burneth till the crusible is full, take a clean Tobaco pipe with the little end stir it well, let it boil and stir that till you are sure it will sparkle no more, have a Brasse or Iron Morter clean stand by you, and with your Tonges, take up your crusible & empty it into the Morter, set it again in the fire, and go on as at first, untill you have done all that you intend to do for that time, have a care to keep strong fire, it should be upon a grate that it may be strong bring this unto fine powder, and sear it thorow a Lawn sive, and it is prepared for your use. Note, that if it do not fire as you do expect, touch it with a live coal and set it on fire.

Antimony thus prepared, is depurated of all its fecis and poisonous qualities, loosing utterly its maligne heat; it purgeth copiously without trouble and molestation, all grosse, cold and Tartarous humors, and openeth all stopped passages.

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To prepare Scamony.

Take of the beſt Scamony what quantity you pleaſe and beat it to powder, and ſerce it, have ready a Tobacco drier, and put upon it a ſpungy thin brown paper, take your Embers and ſtrow in Brimſtone into the fire, hold over the Scamony, ſo that the fumes of the Brimſtone may take thorow the paper, and when you perceive that it ſticks unto the Paper but as thick as a half crown or ſhilling, caſt off the reſt upon a clean Paper, & with a ſpoon ſcrape off what ſticks upon the paper for it is prepared, then put on again the powder of Scamony, and caſt into your fire more powder of Brimſtone till you perceive that ſome doth ſtick unto your paper, then caſt off the looſe powder and ſcrape off with a ſpoon as formerly, and this work you muſt repeat untill all your Scamony have been ſcrapt off in like manner, then is it all prepared, but you muſt be ſure to take it off as ſoon as you can, leaſt your Scamony quite looſe all its vertue, as it will if you fume it too much with the Brimſtone.

Scamony thus prepared, is good againſt chollar and all thin hot humors, having in it neither ſavor nor ſmell, & purgeth very eaſily & without pain, which is conrrary unto all other preparations.

The preparation of the cream of Tartar is ordinary, or the Cryſtals of Tartar to be had at any Druggiſt uſed in this Portion.

Note that all theſe three is to be kept cloſe in fine powder ſeverally in glaſs-bottles. The

The greateſt doſſe for men; Antimony ten grains, Scamony fourteen grains, Tartar eight grains.

The ordinary doſſe for men; Antimony nine or ten grains, Scamony eleven or twelve grains, Tartar ſix grains.

The leſſer doſſe for men; Antimony ſix grains, Scamony nine grains, Tartar five grains.

For children betwixt ſeven and fourteen; Antimony ſeven or eight grains, Scamony five or ſix grains, Tartar three grains.

For ſucking children and under ſeven; Antimony two or three grains, Scamony four or five grains, Tartar three grains.

To children give it with Sugar or ſome ſweet liquor, but to others as you pleaſe, if the Ague or diſeaſe ceaſe not at the firſt time, give it again four or five times, ever diminiſhing the quantity, becauſe the humors being once ſtirred they are the eaſier carried out; or if this portion do little the firſt day, then add more with diſcretion.

This Powder you may uſe in all diſeaſes where humors do offend, either ſimple or compound, hot or cold, thin or groſs, clammy or windy, worms or extention above nature, it helpeth the ſtopping of the Flowers, the extention of the belly, the Dropſie in the beginning, Tertians, Quartans, and all ſharp Feavors, Choller, ill appetite, watching, thirſt, unquietneſs of mind; it helpeth the ſmall Pox and Pluriſie, it is not to be given where is great evacuation, but explition and fullneſs, it is much better then letting of blood.

As for this portion of Phyſick rightly prepared and applied, I do believe conſidering the inconſiderableneſs of the preparation, the world never had any better, and I truſt in God I have done good ſervice unto my Country in bringing it to light, but if any be envious and is diſpoſed to cavil at it, all that I deſire of him is, that he would let it alone.

The true preparation of Crocus Martis.

Take the filings of Steel, what quantity you pleaſe, which you may buy at the Druggiſt, and put it in a broad earthen well glazed diſh, and ſprinkle it twice a day with ſtrong Vinegar, ſet it in the hot Sun, or cover it with another diſh, and let it ſtand upom Embers the night time, do this for one month, now and then ſtir it up and again give it Vinegar till thou perceive it is all become ruſty, dry it well and beat it to fine powder, then take a large glaſs body, and put it into it, and pour upon it diſtilled Vinegar (which muſt needs be ſo, otherwiſe thou wilt be as much troubled with the feces of the Vinegar, as the thou wilt be with the damd Terra of the Crocus) let it be covered with a blind head (but firſt ſtir it well) ſet it in a Furnace of aſhes, or in Balneo Maria for four or five days, look that the Vinegar be deeply colloured red, if not ſhake it well together and let it ſtand in the fire till it is, then caſt off the clear into a clean veſſel, & put on more Vinegar, and this repeat till thou ſeeſt that it wil ting no more, take all thy Vinegar, and filter it thorow

a double Cap paper (it will thorow by reason of the sharp penetration of the Vinegar) then in a clean glass vessel vapor all the Vinegar away, or with a head and receiver draw off thy Vinegar, and in the bottom thou wilt receive a fair red Crocus, but if thou wilt take the pains to repeat this labor again, that is, to dissolve it in fresh Vinegar after thou hast taken it out, and put in a clean new earth vessel, and let it be gently calcined for four or five days; and again desolved, filtred, coagulated, thou wilt have a Medicin of more worth then gold; God be merciful to men and women, which in stead of this have only the rust of Iron put into their bellies; this Medicin is vast in its effects, but most omninous in all kind of Fluxes, let it content thee for this time I have given thee a true receit.

To prepare the Sugar of Saturn.

Take what quantity of lead thou wilt, and in a Iron Kettle melt it, and with a ladle of Iron stir it, this continue till all the lead be turned into an Ash colloured powder; if thou wilt (as I have done) add Bay salt, and continue it over a strong fire till thou perceive it begins to attain a red collour, let it cool, put it into a clean vessel not greasie, and wash out all the Salt well, and be sure thou take all the Salt taste away as by thy tasting, the last water thou maist perceive, then dry it well in a clean vessel, then grind it well upon a Purfry with distilled Vinegar fit for to be used with a pensill, put it into a clean glass, cover it

ſix fingers with diſtilled Vinegar, puſ on a blind head, and let it ſtand in aſhes or Balneo Maria three or four days, let all cool, thy Vinegar will be as ſweet as Sugar to thy taſte, cant of the clear, put on more diſtilled Vinegar, proceed as afore, till it will yield to thee no more ſwee tneſs; filter all as before of thy Crocus, vapor away till thou ſee a ſcum ariſe upon the top, let all cool, ſet it in a cool place or ſeller and it will ſhoot into moſt tranſparent Chryſtals which is called the Sugar of Saturn; note if it do not ſhoot into Cryſtals thou haſt not vapored it enough away, when thou haſt took out thoſe Chryſtals, vapor the reſt and it will ſhoot Chryſtals afreſh, but if thou wilt take theſe Chryſtals and calcin them again, and then diſolve filter, congeal as is ſaid above it will yet excel, I have done it five or ſix times over; I cannot tell thee what this is good for; I know it is a great aſtringer, it is no part of my indeavor to make my ſelf wiſer then I am, let it ſuffice thee for this time that I have given thee a true receipt, for I dare not write beyond the labor of my hand, if thou canſt believe me, there is no deceit in what I commit unto thee; thou maiſt as I have done alſo work this out of Red-lead, hut it did like me better to work it out of lead it ſelf.

I will now give thee a true and plain Receipt of one of the moſt potent ſtatelieſt Medicins that I think is attainable in the world.

The true preparation of the eſſence of Venus, *commonly called* Ens Veneris.

Take from the Dunghill at the Refiners his dead

head, commonly called *Caput mortuum*, that which is left of his Aqua Fortis, the blacker it is the better it is, for that is most burnt, put it into clean water and it will dissolve, stir it, let it fine cant off that water, put on fresh water, this repeat till you by taste find no more sharpness in it, keep that water together, dry well the red earth, take of this red earth what quantity thou wilt of Salt Armoniake equal parts, grind them well together, put them into a sublimatory of good glass (note it may be done in earth) set it in sharp sand, begin with gentle fire, leave the hole open at the top onely, stop it with Cotton-wooll, that the wily Spirits of the Armoniak may go, else thou wouldst break the vessel; after twelve hours moderate fire, stop close the hole above, increase fire, thou maist with thy hand on the vessel know well whether thou give fire orderly; note that after twenty four hours, or thirty hours, thou canst not hurt it with fire, let all cool, and with an Hares foot cleanse off thy sublimation, which will almost be on the collour of gold, take that which is sublimed, and weigh its weight of fresh Ens well ground together and sublime it again, and this work thou must repeat four times always upon fresh Ens, before thy work be perfect; if thou dealest honestly with this preparation, which thou maist do in a matter of 10 or 12 days; there needeth little other Physick, three or four grains drank in white wine or in any proper Vehicle, always ballancing a proportion by the strength and weakness of the patient; this is a true receit as I have done it, let it speak for it self; but I did not pass all the sublimations at once, having no pre-

preſent occaſion for it, I have ſeen this ſo glorious as to my thinking it hath exceeded gold; God Almighty proſper that man that ſtrives to excel in well-doing. Now take all thy water and filter it very clean and vapor it away, and thou wilt receive a conſiderable quantity of fixed ſalt white and good, put it into a ſtrong cruſible, and calcine it in a reverberatory for ſix hours, have care that thy heat do not make it flow, but let it be meanly red hot, then diſſolve it in diſtilled rain water, filter it, vapor away the water, it is abundantly fairer then it was at firſt; note thy water muſt be twice diſtilled which is beſt done in quantity in a Copper Still with a Serpentine Refrigetory; in this work let dirt ſooner fall into thy eye then into thy work, then calcine again a third time and proceed as above, thou haſt a Medicine of great force, but if thou wilt repeat this work till thy Salt will yield unto thee no more Fecis, I dare not tell thee what I think it will do, I know thou art haſty with me, and demands what this fixed ſalt is good for, and my anſwer is as ready (go look) I cannot tell, but if thou wilt know what a fixed Medicin is good for look amongſt the Cronical of fixed diſeaſes which the Galliniſt counts uncurable, thou canſt not knock down an Ox with a ſmall Mallet, the remedy muſt over ballance the diſeaſe. Note, after this order you may almoſt gain the Salt of any thing, I therefore have write this.

Undoubtedly no greater pleaſure can be had on earth in earthly things, then to be buſily imployed in the curious purſuing of theſe things: I

do therefore account my ſelf moſt happy, whoſe good hap it is next to the true fear, love, and ſerving of God, to be ſwallowed up in the daily purſuance hereof; above all things ſee that thou addict thy ſelf to be neat and cleanly in thy work; if thou knoweſt any thing in Alchimy, thou muſt know that with patience thou muſt work to take a few grains of the excremental parts, out of an ounce of the ſubſtantial parts, and it may be work long, and throw all away and begin again, and this without change or reluctance of mind, being fully reſolved to work ever if thou ever meaneſt to ſpeed, its profitably miſcarried, if thou thereby art humbled, elſe thou wilt not be taught, God reſiſts the proud, but gives grace and teacheth the humble; therefore give time with patience, for that is of God, but haſt and unpatience is of the devil, the greateſt maſtery is the well governance of the regiment of fire, beſure that thou haſt Vulcan well yoaked in his own fetters, and ſee well that his bellows be not too big, onely ſtudy to make Volatil that which is fixt, and to fix that which is Volatil, and all this after due cleanſing, if thou canſt ſo deal with this ſalt thou wilt find bread; thou wilt never want matter if thou haſt this power, he onely is happy whom God teacheth, his true fear is the beginning of wiſdom, them he teacheth the way they ſhall go; be not curious beyond nature. I my ſelf for ſome years paſt have much exceeded, following the Chimærais of my own head, ſoar not to things too high and beyond thee, remember the ſaying of one of the chief Pillars in Phyſick; Art is

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ong, life is ſhort, know God is in heaven, and thou on earth, thou canſt not fathom his depths in the leaſt natural thing; how canſt thou then comprehend him who fills all things? Be not offended becauſe I am bold with thee, tis becauſe I love thee; I cannot but improve the tallent beſtowed, and ſo I ſhall leave it with thee, if thou counts me a fool, I care not for it, I know it well, I am contented, if I add a tittle to thee it is that which I deſire, no mans goodneſs can add any thing to God, he already is perfect therein, perfect harmony, perfect ſilence and reſt for ever in himſelf, to whom nothing can be added, but our goodneſs may be extended unto the men on the earth, to them that excel in vertue, I ſtrive thereafter as I receive help, ſome of theſe receits cannot be wrought by unpracticed hands; I can but give as I have received, good will excits and moves this offer, let it work likewiſe in thee to accept in what I have done weakly, be thou more ready to mend then find fault, if I have deſerved rebuke, I will accept it from thee in any language with thanks.

I will now deliver thee in as plain words as I can, a moſt ſtately Receit, which I have wrought and given many ſcores of times with great ſucceſs

The preparation of the Salt of Mars, ſalt of Steel, ſo called.

Take what quanity of Oyl of Vitriol thou pleaſeſt, and put it in an open Glaſs, or in a well glazed veſſel, ſet it upon a ſtool in a Chimney,

put into it for each pound of Oyl one ounce of Salt Jem or Stone Salt beaten to fine powder, take the filings of Steel, and with a ſpoon ſprinkle upon the Oyl, and it will foam, boil and fret, have care thou be not too haſty, for then will it boyl over, continue this ſhaking in of the powder of Steel ſo long that thou perceive it to be all dry and hard, and will foam and fret no more, then ſet it in a ſand Furnace and dry it very well, that it be hard, and like a ſtone almoſt for hardneſs; bring this to fine powder, have a good quantity of water warm, and ſprinkle this powder thereon, and keep it ſtirring with a ſtick, otherwiſe it will knit to a ſtone in the bottom; filter this water, put on more, repeat this putting on of water till it be no more ſharp; let all be clean filtred, and vapor away the half or above, and it will ſhoot into tranſparant green Chryſtals very fair Vitriol, vapor yet again and it will ſhoot again, if thou haſt vapored enough of it away, take all the Chryſtals or Vitriol, and lay it abroad on a well glazed diſh, and ſet it in a ſtove or in the Sun in his ſtrength, and it will break into white powder; then put it into a clean diſtilled water, and it will diſſolve, filter it again, coagulate it into Chryſtals, it will ſhoot into far more fairer Vitriol then the firſt; this ought to be repeated ſo oft till it will let no more feces, but at this twice it will be in a very honorable condition, and ſo far I have gon-, dry it well, it will be a white yellow powder, and keep it cloſe ſtopt in a glaſs for thy uſe; of this powder ten or twelve grains in the morning, and ſo for a week together, 'tis profitable

able to bring the Flowers, if drunk in good white wine, and ſtirring upon it, it ſometimes cauſeth vomiting, ſometimes purging, and ſometimes neither; it caſeth the breaſt of ſtopping, helps Rickits and killeth worms, give to children three or four grains according to their ſtrength, it is a choice Medicin as I have proved.

If thou would draw the Oyl of Vitriol thy ſelf take good Copperas, and in a new earthen pan boyl it dry; beat it to powder, put it in long necks, lute faſt & draw it with judgement, as much as the Oyle of Amber is, ſome calcine it red firſt as I have done my ſelf, but for this work it need not ſo be done.

A true Receit of the powder of Sympathy, or the Sympathetical powder, made of Roman Vitriol, lately commended by Sir Kenelme Digby, *but no plain Receit given which I here perform and freely give thee, knowing that there is none better.*

Take what quantity of Roman Vitriol thou wilt, diſſolve it in rain water, but put no more water then will diſſolve it, always leaving ſome undiſſolved in the bottom, filter it as clean as poſſible (let thy water be milk warm in thy diſſolution) put it in a clean glaſs-body ſet in ſifted aſhes, and give it gentle heat, ſo that it never exceed the heat of thy belly, and in that heat let it vapor away till thou ſee it covered with a Cateeula or thin ſcum or cream, then withdraw thy fire, let it ſtand unmoleſted for three days, covering it well that nothing fall into it, then with a glaſs ſpoon

or wooden ſpoon, take out the coagulated Vitriol which is ſhot into fair green Chryſtals, then kindle thy fire again, and with like degree continue till it be covered with a ſcum, withdraw thy fire again, let it ſtand other three days, take up again with a wooden ſpoon the coagulation; this you muſt repeat untill thou haſt the ſubſtance of thy Vitriol again, but freed from much of its filth; take all thy Vitriol which thou haſt gathered, ſpread it on a glaſs or well glazed diſh in the heat of the Sun, or in defect thereof a clean ſtone of equal heat with the ſcum, and take heed thou doſt not exceed, for then wilt thou looſe its vital parts which are quickly volatil and ſubtil, neither wilt thou attain any more greenneſs on thy Vitriol which when thou perceiveſt, begin again, all is loſt, underſtand thy degrees of fire better, but if you give it its dew heat then will it break into a white powder, and the greenneſs which is its life will obſcure and hide it ſelf, then take it again, and in rain water diſtilled twice, diſſolve it as at firſt. Now mark, I bring thee again to thy beginning, and there I leave thee; for this work thou ſhouldſt repeat ſo oft and ſo long till it ſet no more feces to thee, but conclude when thou wilt, thou ſeeſt what Sir *Kenelm Digby* doth write, *viz. The Antients did uſe this Vitriol in its groſſe body beat to powder.* I have here given thee ſo true a way as I know none better, for in this thou bringſt it beyond what is fit to be written, and doth hold, preſerve and keep all its power, both ſpiritual, ſympathetical, fixt and Volatil.

If thou haſt ears I have ſaid much, what is wanting unto thee, conſult with *Van Helmount*, *Aſwall Groby*, Mr. *Boulton*, and Sir *Kenelme Digby*.

Being moved fully with good will, I will here give thee one receit more, the like I confidently affirm never ſaw the light for the good of mankind, and whoſoever will be perſwaded upon my faith and credit always to have it truely and faithfully prepared, may with much confidence ceaſe from all other things in the world,& quietly commit themſelves and relations into the hands of Almighty God in the uſe of this with quietneſs and reſt, and I ſpeak boldly if this prove ſhort, to correct thy Feavor and heal thy diſeaſe, and hath not power to purge thy blood, and throw all out that is noxtious unto thy vital Spirit, let thy ailes be what they will, look not for it to be done in this world; I pitty thy fugitive mind and pray for thee when I ſee thee hunt from one man to another, and from one Medicine unto another, which is indeed the harbinger of death; but if thou art admoniſhed from thy vain worſhipping of men to fall off, and with a quiet mind pray and uſe this and therein reſt waiting upon God: I am fully poſſeſt and perſwaded in my conſcience it is ſufficient for thee, and if thou as blind as Bayard cry out of the ſtrong poiſon of the ſubjects, *viz.* Poppey and black Hellebor, thou ſnarling fool ceaſe and firſt learn the power of Salt of Tartar, and do not bewray thy folly and ignorance till thou haſt proved its power, leaſt thou give juſt occaſion of perpetual laughter unto thoſe whom experience hath taught & informed, I do confeſs

I can exempt no Medicin in the world but my Pill and Antidote, whoſe receits I may not at preſent here give thee; and this I proteſt unto thee, that if thou haſt made a right uſe of this that I have here in full and plain words taught, I ſhould have ſmall hope with any thing I am made Maſter of, to help and cure where this cannot; and therefore as thou haſt reſpect unto thy life conſider what I now teach thee, I ſay I teach thee under God, for I have not had the leaſt light or guide from any breathing, or from any book, but God Almighty my Lord and good Maſter hath been my guide, and therefore I with joy do aſcribe unto him all praiſe and thanſgiving for ever.

Rec. Take one pound of the beſt White Rhenniſh Tartar, and one pound of India Salt-peeter, bring them to powder in a ſtone Morter & ſerce them thorow a Hair Sive, take a Pipkin that was never uſed, & ſet it upon Charcole, let the bottom heat as the coals do kindle, put in a ſpoonful of this powder, if the bottom be read hot it will burn, put in one ſpoonful after another till all be burned, it is then for this work prepared, & if thou haſt wrought well thou wilt have of a white Salt but yellowiſh, ſeventeen ounces again of thy two pounds. Take half a buſhel of White-lime, put it in a clean tubb, and put on it fair water, that the water may cover it four inches, let it ſtand all night, take two gallons of this water and put in it thy ſalt, and it is prepared for thy work, then take one pound weight of Poppe-leaves good and red, newly gathered as near as thou canſt, ſtamp them and put them into thy prepared wa-

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ter, take also one pound of Juniper berries, and do likewise also take one pound of black Hellebor which thou maist buy at the Druggist for a small matter, beat it grosly and put it into the rest, stir all very well, let them simper upon a fire twenty four hours in a glass-body, or in a Tin vessel or Pewter, but let it be close covered, then drive all through a Hipocris bagg and its prepared for thy use, drink of this three or four spoonful in White-wine and Sugar, but give more or less as the patient is strong or weak, to weak children half a spoonful or a spoonful with Wine or Sugar; note thou maist do what thou wilt with this if thou knowest how to apply it for thy health; I desire thee whatever thou art to praise God for this, the like I believe is not made manifest for the preserving of thy health against all diseases, infections, Feavors, Surfeits, this will not fail thee of relief let thy pains be what they will, nor of cure if God permit; if thou hast patience and will give it time, I have from my conscience spoke my belief grounded upon reason and experience, and freely give it thee, beseeching God to bless it to thee and inlarge thy heart as mine is inlarged, that is, that thou maist do for thy neighbor as I nowdo for thee, presenting nothing in this or any thing about it but the labor of my hand, and what I daily put into my own belly; and let me further tell thee I had much wrestling with my self as in the presence of God, before I could prevail upon the gain-saying that was in me, to draw so nigh thee for thy unvaluable benefit, for if thou considerest the things are easie attained, every ditch

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offering thee ſome of them, and the preparation ſo trinial, that there is as much art to make a meſs of pottage; in this above all other I have deſerved well at thy hand, if thou haſt a heart to improve it, neither do I doubt, although many will be angry and ſnatter at it, but this entrance which I have given in this receipt will ſtand while the world indures and get ſtrength, and my memory held in honor, for ſo good ſervice in it. This book hath ſwelled beyond my intention, yet I am conſtrained to give thee one receipt or two more in few words, and ſo I for this time ſhall reſt, praiſing God who helped me before I go out of this world to perform ſome real ſervice for the good of mankind in general.

To make the drink that is now much uſed, called Coffee.

The Coffee Berries is to be bought at any Drugiſt, about three ſhillings the pound, take what quantity you pleaſe, and over a Charcole-fire in a old pudding-pan or frying-pan, keep them always ſtirring untill they be quite black, and when you crack one with your teeth, that it is as black within as it is without, yet if you exceed, then do you waſt the oyl which onely makes the drink and if leſs then will it not deliver his Oyl which muſt make the drink, and if you ſhould continue fire till it be white, it will then make no Coffee, but onely give you its ſalt; the Berry prepared as above beaten and ſerced thorow a Lawn Sive is then fit for uſe.

Take clean water and boil one third of it away

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what quantity ſoever it be, and it is fit for uſe.

Take one quart of this prepared water, put in it one ounce of your prepared Coffee, and boil it gently one quarter of an hour and it is fit for your uſe, drink one quarter of a pint as hot as you can ſip it; note that inſtead of Coffee, take Engliſh Wheat and thou wilt find it in all points as good and as profitable for thee as I have wrought and proved it, and ſpeak it from knowledge, and I do from myheart bear witneſs to this drink as the beſt and ſafeſt for the health of mans body; and further I do know that it doth abate the fury or ſharpneſs of the Accrimony which is the gender of thoſe diſeaſes called Cronical, and although it doth want fermentation, yet hath it the true ſtrength of the grain if it be well prepared, and doth in no wife ſume to intoxication for that it is unfermented, and undoubtedly thoſe which loves health will love this drink, and is an abſolute enemy unto natures enemies, I had thought to have ſpoken much and from good grounds of the worth and benefit of this drink, but being already inlarged beyond intention, I am conſtrained to leave it for this time.

I have wrote many things which will have an ungrateful taſte, yet of mighty force for thy health I cannot conclude this book but I muſt give thee one receipt more, which will be acceptable unto thy fooliſh fancy, that in truth thy appetite never taſted a more ſtately thing or higher cordial for health, and yet cheap and of very eaſie and vulgar preparation, as followeth.

Take twelve pound of Black-Cherries that is

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ll grown and ſweet, break all their ſtones in a morter, put them in a Limbeck or in a ſmall common Stillers Still, put to them one gallon of fair Spring water, diſtill off again one Gallon or on gallon within a point; this water doth far exceed that which is commonly ſold for black-Cherry water, take all out and run it throw a Pulpring ſive, and waſh with clean water the ſtill or the Limbeck, and what runs thorow the Sive of it ſelf, keep to make thy Surrup of, the reſt drive thorow the Sive by force, that nothing be left but ſkin and ſtones, and that keep by it ſelf, for thy Surrop take the firſt that is thin and run thorow the Sive of it ſelf, put unto it for each pint two pound of ſweet ſented Lisborn Sugar, and put into one quart of Roſe water, and one quart of Sparmint water; boyl all at leaſt eight hours; Note that if from firſt to laſt the matter be not boiled twelve or fourteen hours it will not anſwer thy intention, but if thou wilt feed it with fire twenty four hours, thou therewith may do wonders; I have ſo wrought it and baked it over and over ſeveral times, and thou maiſt know that a Black Cherry is a ſubſtance unknown, and cannot by fire be made dry, but as ſoon as it is cold, it will draw to it ſelf a moiſt air, and will relent do what thou canſt, yet I have ſo fired him, or fed him with fire, that I could not touch it with my teeth, ſuch hath been its mighty force, and for obſtructions all have flown before it, and when I would, taking but a little more then ordinary it would looſe my belly, and give a ſtool or two, but if thou wilt make a Surrup of it without this extream

tream firing it will not then be worth an half penny, but will be only toothſome as other ordinary Sirrops is. I leave thee to judge of it as thou wilt, I know for my ſelf many years ago it was precious in its effects unto me, and from that experience I had of it, I now moved with good-will, commit it unto thee.

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